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Replica Tech Tower 'T' stolen from Student Services Building

By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

Last Wednesday evening, a student stole a replica of the Tech Tower's 'T' from the Office of Community Services and Greek Affairs. The 100 pound 'T' was taken at about 10 p.m. after being used to honor Dean Karen Boyd at a farewell party earlier in the day. It was returned Friday morning, two days later. The identity of the student who took the 'T', valued by Facilities at \$5,500, was unknown as of this Wednesday afternoon.

"I had requested [the 'T'] from Facilities for Dean Boyd's going-away party," said Stephanie Ray, associate dean of Student Affairs. "I locked it in the suite [of the Office of Community Services and Greek Affairs] that night. A lot of student leaders were in [Buck Cooke's] office taking pictures with it. The next morning, we realized that it had been stolen."

"Facilities was supposed to

move [the 'T'] at 3:30 p.m., and at 4:30 p.m. we moved it into [a locked office]," said Buck Cooke, assistant dean of students.

The 'T' was missing from the office the next morning.

The building in which the 'T' was kept overnight, the Student Services building, contains no security cameras. The person who stole it, Cooke said, had to have been a student leader because only student leaders have access to that office after-hours.

In response to the theft, security measures were taken immediately. Students no longer have after-hours access to the building. Cooke also said that the office would work with the police to discover the culprit.

"[The theft] violates the trust we place in the student leaders and the trust they put in each other. We can't have that person [who stole the 'T'] in a position. I personally would not be able to work with [him or her]," he said.

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Greeks change party policy

By John Maddux
Contributing Writer

Photo courtesy of Jonathon Rubyl

Students talk at a fraternity party. The Interfraternity Council recently revised its written policy to allow parties to extend past 12 a.m.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) policy on band parties recently changed after the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) shut down all Greek parties at midnight the night before the first home football game.

The Greek community lost thousands of dollars according to Buck Cooke, assistant dean of Students, due to GTPD's shut down of the parties. "Every group that had a party that night got shut down," Cooke said. "If each band was supposed to start at 11 p.m. and play until 2 a.m., then they only got about a third of their money's worth.... It was a pretty costly weekend."

In total, the GTPD ended six parties. Cooke cited a party at Delta Upsilon as an example of the cost of the shutdowns. "Delta Upsilon had their foam party that night so they had sound, light and foam equipment, and they had rented a DJ for the party. They only got that for about an hour," Cooke said.

IFC Social Policy at the time

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Health Services offers flu shots

The department of Health Services will be providing complimentary flu shots to Tech students starting Nov. 1.

Faculty and staff will also be eligible to receive the flu shots at a cost of \$10.

Red Carpet Day festival arrives

Red Carpet Day Extravaganza, a festival that raises money and awareness for a weekend retreat for cancer-afflicted children, is being held this evening from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. at Yellow Jacket Park.

The festival will feature an assortment of Atlanta bands as well as performances from the a capella group Nothin' but Treble. Other events include an artisans market and a poker tournament.

Representatives from cancer-related organizations such as Relay for Life and the United Way will also be in attendance.

SGA to hold town hall meetings

The Student Government Association will be holding a town hall meeting about academic advisement on Tues., Oct. 11 at the campanile. The meeting will feature a panel of students, faculty and administrators. Another meeting is tentatively planned for Thurs., Oct. 13 in the management quad.

Honors program ad-hoc committees form

By Darshini Nanavati
Contributing Writer

Three new ad-hoc committees were formed to determine the direction of the new honors program. In an effort to attract more students, the committees plan to form a program for those who want a more active approach to education through smaller classes and more student-faculty interaction.

Randall Engle, chair of Psychology, and Gregory Nobles, a professor in History, Science and Technology, have helped to lead the program's planning. One committee involves faculty of the Ivan Allen College and College of Architecture working together. Another, formed by Engle, involves the College of Sciences. The third committee will serve in an advisory role and includes members from last winter's original working group, student representatives and

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Gregory Nobles
HST Professor

additional representatives from other colleges.

These three groups hope to start identifying students for the next academic year by the first of next year. Currently the goal is to put together courses by the end of the academic year.

The honors program hopes to complete plans and open for students by Fall 2006. As of now, the committees are still waiting on approval of the program from the President

and Provost. Meanwhile, they will work on establishing the curriculum and looking for ways to identify candidates. They also plan to have common housing for the program's participants and are seeking space for living arrangements.

The new classes will differ from current Tech classes in that they will encourage interaction between students and professors with the help of small student-faculty ratios. "The philosophy behind the honors pro-

gram is that these courses are inquiry based. Hopefully they are going to be a little different from standard Tech courses," Engle said.

The program will not alter honors classes that already exist, but new courses in the form of seminars will be added. "This is a work of progress; we are still talking with the people in those departments. I think the courses themselves may not change that much. I think the selection will [change]. The courses will be oriented to students selected to be in the honors program," Engle said.

"We do not want to undo the good work other people have done and we're not trying to create a rigid framework which other people have to fit into. We're trying to take some on-going activities here and expand them," Nobles said.

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Task force evaluates grad health insurance

By James Stephenson
Contributing Writer

A task force of representatives from four Georgia universities are working on a new mandatory health insurance policy for their schools. The Board of Regents' Student Health Insurance Task Force includes representatives from UGA, Georgia State University, Medical College of Georgia and Tech.

"We'd like to get the best possible insurance for the students. The rates continue to go up and the benefits have not gone up as the rates have,"

said Cindy Smith, director of Health Services and task force member. "By combining with the other universities in Georgia, we'll get a bigger pool of students, which will get better premiums and better coverage."

Current policy only requires international students to have health insurance. "F visa international students already have insurance charged to their bursar accounts," said Mitch Keller, graduate vice president and member of the task force.

Domestic students have the option to sign up for insurance with a different vendor under current

policy. "[The] advantage of... having mandatory insurance is it will keep their premiums down. With a set number of students [the insurance company] can plan and set their premiums," Keller said.

Recent cost increases are one reason the task force is working on a new policy. "If you look based on recent trends, you can pretty much count on costs going up. Last year, the costs went up even though we had a contract. For international students, the premiums went up 30 percent and the coverage decreased a little bit," Smith said.

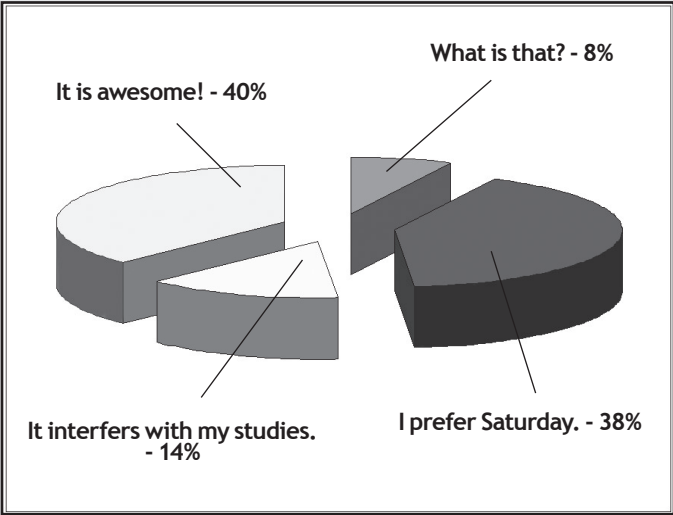
Smith said that Tech students currently pay less than the other three universities. "Domestic insurance is \$1095 as year. A bit expensive for the amount of coverage they get," Keller said.

Keller said the task force is looking to broaden the mandatory health insurance plan to include new groups of students.

"The first group is for graduate students receiving an assistantship. Fellowship students working on [National Science Foundation]

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Disorderly conduct
9/11/2005 0:44:00 hrs.
Location: Ferst Dr./Hemphill Ave.
Incident: Report of a disorderly student.

Agency assist
9/12/2005 17:02:00 hrs.
Location: Ferst Dr./State St.
Incident: Offender arrested on an outstanding warrant and a traffic charge.

9/18/2005 18:19:00 hrs.
Location: Lynch Ave.
Incident: Report of a recovered stolen golf cart.

From the files of the GTPD...

Crime Reports

Criminal damage to property
9/17/2005 20:21:00 hrs.
Location: 215 Bobby Dodd Way/ Navy ROTC Building
Incident: Report of a damaged light pole.

Larceny-theft
9/13/2005 11:49:00 hrs.
Location: Techwood Dr./Sixth St.
Incident: Offender arrested for possession of tools and theft by taking.

9/14/2005 17:02:00 hrs.
Location: Cherry St./Rose Bowl Field
Incident: Report of a stolen trombone.

9/15/2005 15:25:00 hrs.
Location: 704 Cherry St./Library
Incident: Report of stolen paper towels.

Information
9/12/2005 11:33:00 hrs.
Location: Student Center
Incident: Report of a suspicious package.

9/13/2005 21:28:00 hrs.
Location: 501 Sixth St./Tech Pkwy.
Incident: Report that subject was having difficulty locating a vehicle.

Battery
9/11/2005 12:55:00 hrs.
Location: Bobby Dodd Stadium
Incident: Report of a physical altercation.

Possession of marijuana
9/16/2005 21:02:00 hrs.
Location: 900 Hemphill Ave./Hemphill Apartments
Incident: Students in possession of a controlled substance.

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bagpipe man you are ready to lead us into battle, you no longer need to prattice volleyball
Kyle i want to bear your children.
MTS < 10
Well hello there Jim, Samantha, and Barthalamu. It seems my cockroach friends have come to help me study Calculus again.
touch meeeeeeeeeee
is there anything else happening on campus besides what SGA does?
I love my gullible bear.
showing up on time = food
Dear Diary, I didn’t get a class I wanted, I’m going to cry about it in the technique. booo hooo
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Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate elects new grad coordinator

By Ranganath Venkataraman
Contributing Writer

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) passed seven bills in its Tuesday meeting after retiring to executive session to elect a new Coordinating Officer.

Senator Ryan Bechtel was chosen for the post, which involves coordinating communication between GSS and the Undergraduate House of Representatives.

The senate then discussed a request for the allocation of \$7,301 to TEAM Buzz to fund the improvement of tools and kickoff events for the projects, which start tomorrow.

Senator Pelham Norville proposed an amendment to fund everything but the tool cost from the Prior Year account, which covers one-time or shorter-term requests. The bill was passed as amended.

The second bill allocated \$600 to GSS towards a guest speaker, Jorge Cham.

Cham was a Tech undergrad who has written about the graduate experience and is now a professor at the California Institute of Technology. He will arrive Oct. 26 for a reception

Bills passed

- Joint Allocation to TEAM Buzz
- Joint Chartering of MediaTech
- Joint Chartering of Yellow Jacket Fencing
- Joint Chartering of the Global Ambassadors
- Allocation to GSS for a Speaker
- Joint Appointment for Joint Campus Organization Committee Chair
- Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Golf Club

and book signing. The bill was passed by unanimous acclamation.

The third bill allocated \$355 to the Georgia Tech Golf Club for tournament entry fees for six people.

Adam Brancato was appointed to chair the Joint Campus Organization Committee, and three slated chartering bills were passed by unanimous acclamation.

The senate also elected senators Palmer and Jensen, who ran unopposed, to the positions of treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR, GSS name JCOC chair

By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

The Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) passed a total of seven bills during its Tuesday meeting.

In her executive report, Saira Amir, executive vice president, reminded representatives about the absence policy for UHR. The maximum number of absences, she reminded representatives, was three, regardless of the reason for absence. After the absences they would be asked to resign from UHR.

Alison Graab, vice president of Administrative Affairs, encouraged representatives to attend the Oct. 11 town hall meeting regarding academic advising.

In his executive report, David Andersen, undergraduate student body president, introduced Greg Nobles, a professor in History, Science and Technology, who spoke about his committee's proposal of the Honors Program. In a Powerpoint presentation Nobles presented the information he told the Provost: that the program would promote inquiry-based learning and student-teacher discussion. He also said that the program was not meant to be any harder or easier than any regular degree program.

The first bill considered was a joint allocation to TEAM Buzz, which generated some discussion. Organizational representatives spoke about the weekend's projects, after which Micah Lucas, chair of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC), gave his committee's recommendations for the bill.

Lucas said the bill was in accordance with JFC policy, but part of the \$7,300 requested in funding needed to come from the Prior Year account rather than the Capital Outlay account as indicated. The bill



By Amanda Thomas / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Alison Graab, vice president of Administrative Affairs, encourages representatives to attend the academic advising town hall meeting.

was tabled until the end of the meeting because of a lack of information to guide the representatives. At the end of the meeting, a representative pointed out that the bylaws do not specify that the account allocations cannot be switched, and an amended version of the bill was passed.

Next, three bills, which jointly granted charters to MediaTech, Yellow Jacket Fencing and Global Ambassadors were slated together and approved by unanimous acclamation.

Finally, two appointment bills, appointments to institute committees and an appointment to Joint Campus Organization Committee (JCOC) Chair, were moved from New Business to Old Business and approved by unanimous acclamation. Adam Brancato was appointed to JCOC chair.

Bills passed

- Joint Allocation to TEAM Buzz
- Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Golf Club
- Joint Chartering of MediaTech
- Joint Chartering of Yellow Jacket Fencing
- Joint Chartering of the Global Ambassadors
- Appointment for Council Representative
- Joint Appointment for Joint Campus Organization Committee Chair
- Appointments to Institute Committees

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Theft

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After Facilities gave Ray an estimated value of over \$5,000 for the 'T', which is kept in case one of the Ts on the tower is stolen, she said her fears were confirmed. "That's when we knew that we were in serious trouble, because the money would [have had to be] taken from the Office of the Dean of Student's budget," she said. "Buck emailed student leaders, asking them to return the 'T'."

Ray found the 'T' Friday morning in the hall outside of Cooke's office along with a handwritten note stating that the student meant for the theft to be a prank in accordance with the tradition of stealing the 'T'. "I was acting under the assumption that it was the actual 'T' from Tech Tower, and foolishly acting in accordance

with tradition proceeded to steal the 'T'. Because of the continued

"Because of the continued celebration of tradition at this school I was unaware of the graveness of the situation."

Excerpt from letter accompanying returned 'T'

celebration of tradition at this school I was unaware of the graveness of the situation," the letter said.

we have to treat the all fraternities the same," Hembree said. "We enforced the policy as it was written at the time."

"When we spoke with the sergeant [that night] he said that there was no agreement. They acted on what they thought was a rule. So I completely understand," Edwards said.

Cooke said that the noise complaints that evening occurred after the parties had already been shut down. "There were two noise complaints that night at 12:22 am [against Delta Chi & Delta Upsilon] and at 12:31 a.m. [against Delta Tau Delta and Beta Chi]. ... I was on campus at this time and they had already been shut down," Cooke said.

Following the incident the IFC passed a new policy that says that a party can go until midnight, and if there are no noise complaints it can extend past midnight. If noise complaints are reported then the party has to be shut down.

"[This policy is] so [a fraternity]

Ray said the administration has been clear in communicating the dangers and illegality of stealing the 'T'. "Stealing the 'T' is no longer considered a Tech tradition because of the danger [it poses] to the students themselves and to others," she said.

"I was very disappointed, and it was very sad because [the presentation of the 'T'] was my going-away present to Dean Boyd, and I wanted to do something special for her. To have the 'T' stolen put a damper on the whole situation for me," Ray said.

"It's just been really hard to stomach. There has to be some trust there for you to be able to work with somebody," Cooke said. "That was the hardest part of the situation—knowing that someone who is part of our extended family here in the office did that."

could handle [disputes] internally before having their party shut down," Cooke said.

"The new policy...reflects the original agreement we thought we had made," Edwards said.

The new rules allow parties to continue past midnight unless the GTPD receives a complaint.

"[Atlanta City] noise ordinances cut everything off at 9 p.m., after that it's just by the grace of the GTPD [that the parties continue]," Cooke said.

Cooke said that the reason that fraternities and other organizations throwing events on campus can host them past 9 p.m. is that no one else is affected by what happens except members of campus.

"A campus policy should be sufficient [for regulating noise]," Cooke said.

Hembree said GTPD would enforce the new IFC policy in the future. "We're not against them partying," he said.

Graduate

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fellowships or others would also qualify. The second group is for all international students, both F and J visas. The third group would be students enrolled in a program that requires insurance, such as nursing programs," Keller said.

If a student falls into one of these three categories and already has insurance, a waiver system will be in place where the student does not have to pay for the university health insurance.

"We do not want to force students to have the insurance. We plan to accommodate students who have quality insurance," Keller said.

The task force is currently in the bidding process for the mandatory coverage. "This summer the Task

Force issued a request for proposal to have domestic graduate assistantships mandatory. We did receive two bids but the task force felt that the proposals received would not be beneficial to students or the system so they are re-bidding the project with modifications," Keller said.

"We have a tentative timetable of getting the new proposals back by early December, making a decision by March and implementing the new system in August," Smith said.

A good health insurance policy is important for attracting graduate students according to Keller and Smith.

"One of the things [the graduate students] look for when applying to a school is health insurance," Smith

said. "We want a really good policy that we can also use as a recruiting tool."

Keller said that he hopes the new health insurance plan will also allow Tech to receive more funds from grants and the Board of Regents to help pay for graduate student insurance.

"One hope that we have is that by making it mandatory for graduate assistantships we can get a good insurance rate and then can go to the Board of Regents and ask for as-

sistance. To get the best grad students we do really need to find a way to subsidize health insurance," Keller said.

Keller said that by having insurance be mandatory it could be written into grants to increase the pool of money available.

"With it being voluntary they can't write insurance into grants," Keller said.

While the Task Force is currently limiting the scope of the project to the three groups listed above, the project may be expanded in the future.

"Further down the road, insurance may be mandatory for all students," Keller said.

"Ultimately, the goal is to increase retention rates. It's amazing how much medical costs can pull people out of school. If you need some sort of surgery or break a leg...it doesn't even have to be life threatening surgery," Smith said. "Obviously, the goal is to keep students as healthy as possible while they are here."

"We do not want to force students to have the insurance. We plan to accommodate students who have quality insurance."

Mitch Keller
Graduate Vice President

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Katrina relief raises \$45,000

By Jenny Zhang
Contributing Writer

The fundraising drive for the hurricane victims along the Gulf Coast raised \$45,000, \$5,000 short of the \$50,000 goal student organizations had set to raise by Sept. 20. Fundraising was coordinated by the Office of Community Service in collaboration with many student organizations.

The campaign began Sept. 6 with Tech's Mobilizing Opportunity for Volunteer Experience (MOVE) kicking it off by tabling along Skiles Walkway. Many other student groups, including several Greek organizations, the Student Center Programs Council and the Jewish Student Union, continued tabling efforts, which ended Sept. 19.

"The campaign went wonderfully," said Sarah Brackmann, assistant director of Student Involvement for Community Service. "Tabling accounted for about half of all monetary donations."

Money was also raised through bucket brigades, which were engineered by the Student Government Association (SGA) in partnership with the Athletic Association. Volunteers collected funds at the gates of the Sept. 10 and the Sept. 17 football games.

"The Student Athlete Advisory Board has been great about helping out with the bucket brigades, and

they've been extremely successful," said David Andersen, undergraduate student body president.

Several other organizations also helped collect donations at the football games, including Ambassadors, the Georgia Tech Student Foundation, African American Student Union, National Society of Black Engineers and Minority

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Sophia Huger
Student Involvement
Assistant and Financial
Manager

Recruitment Team.

"\$24,000 was raised at the first game [against UNC] alone," said Sophia Huger, Student Involvement Assistant and Financial Manager.

This fundraising campaign raised the most money for relief efforts according to Brackmann. "Both the 9/11 and tsunami campaigns had just as much student involvement and community spirit, but the community may have been more willing to give to this fundraiser because [Hurricane Katrina] hit closer to

home. Because [we] housed Tulane students and served as an emergency shelter, people could see the impact close up," Brackmann said.

Although Hurricane Rita followed Katrina, fundraising remained steady according to Huger.

"There were no significant increases after Hurricane Rita, and most of the money was raised for Hurricane Katrina before [Rita] hit," Huger said.

In all, the fundraising campaign for the hurricane victims has raised about \$45,000 to date, short of the \$50,000 goal set by students.

"Fundraising has been very successful, but it's not over yet," Andersen said.

Money is still being collected from staff offices and departments until the end of October according to Brackmann. Additionally, a new link has been posted at the Office of Community Service website, www.service.gatech.edu, that will allow people to donate online.

"I'm confident we'll meet the \$50,000 goal soon and even exceed it," Brackmann said.

"I'm very happy to see everyone in the Georgia Tech community come together to help in this difficult time. [People] have not only donated money, but time and energy as well. I'm proud of what we've accomplished," Andersen said.

All money raised will be given as a check to the Red Cross.

Vandals destroy student models in Architecture East studios

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

Last Friday night approximately five to six male vandals damaged a multitude of student models located in Architecture East. As of Wednesday night, the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) is still investigating the incident, but the vandals had not yet been caught.

"The rough estimate is that approximately thirty models suffered damage," said Ellen Dunham-Jones, director of the Architecture program.

The majority of the damaged models were in the junior studios. Graduate students heard sounds as the men proceeded to the third floor of Architecture West and were able to prevent them from causing further damage.

"Most of them only have relatively minor damage, but there were on the order of five or six that were actually destroyed. One model was 70 hours of work

for one student. The projects had already been graded and most of them had already been documented. That is certainly the silver lining," Dunham-Jones said.

GTPD responded to the report of the damages and made additional visits to the building through the weekend as part of their investigation.

Dunham-Jones said that although the projects were graded, students usually keep models. "[The models] become a part of them," she said.

Architecture students who were affected by the incident were encouraged to document the damage and salvage what they could.

In an email, Dunham-Jones asked for students to not prop open doors or allow people they do not know into the Architecture buildings after hours.

"This is just the worst, that someone would damage a student's work. It is the lowest of the low," Dunham-Jones said.

"One model was 70 hours of work for one student."

Ellen Dunham-Jones
Director of Architecture
Program

Honors from page 1

Engle and Nobles said they see the honors program as a significant recruiting tool. "There's recent research showing that a significant number of president scholar semifinalists ended up going to another university, arguably a weaker school. Ten students went to [the University of South Carolina] and eight students

went to UGA," Engle said. "I think it's safe to say that we would have had a better shot of getting those students here if we had an honors program."

"The student-teacher interaction can be really helpful in learning new concepts and getting good recommendations for future education," said Naazneen Iqbal, a second-year Biology major.

"We're not lacking good students here at Tech. But we're trying to create an opportunity to attract a few more students, ones that might go elsewhere for different academic, intellectual opportunities," Nobles said.

Nobles spoke at Tuesday night's Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting about the program. He described the program as an "insti-

tute-wide incubator for intellectual inquiry and engagement."

He said that applicants to the program would not be judged based solely on test scores. More emphasis would be placed on students' interest in the program. He said that the new classes would not be necessarily more difficult than existing ones. "Is it going to be harder or easier? I don't know. But I think it will be a

lot more fun," he said.

"I think it's good that SAT and GPA are not [the only] factors of selection, because it will give all students an equal opportunity to find out what they are capable of," said Sidrah Zaidi, a second-year Industrial Engineering major. "But the student body should have a say on whether or not we should have an honors program."

sliver

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I can't decide if being asked out via Sliver is more romantic than getting a "boyfriend" request on facebook....

Im seriously considering setting the sliver site as my homepage....

I hate True false questions. They are so ambiguous. I lost all my points on True False

I got full points on the HW with crayons. I think TA just looked at it and said "Good enough effort"

Is it sad that I spend more time in the CoC than in my own room including time i spend sleeping? Or is it more wierd that I do that and am not even a CS major?

Thank goodness no one uses slivers as a blog.

Dear God, Why am I so Awkward- Buzz

Somebody PLEASE make the elevators in the Management building faster-who makes elevators that s l o w?

To the idiot in the Management building bathroom--is it really necessary to pound your fist against the door to check if my stall is occupied? I'm trying to take a dump here.

So any girl that doesn't fall for your lame lines MUST have TBS?

What's that smell? Has Roxy Been on Duty Again?

buzz>you

i wanna go eat

stingerette schmingerette

wrapped up like a douche

CoC. SAC. Reggie Ball. Calvin Johnson. Lots of Wangs.

I've resorted to just looking from afar...the TBS is contagious

Georgia Tech is alot like unprotected sex, you're happy you got in, but man are you sorry that you came!

Whats up with the hunting channel? I just saw a deer get popped.

Everynight these dudes get together in the quad and really smoke it up

Anyone else think that improv comedy pic in the paper was ridiculously odd looking

There are more random things to do with your time then poultry judging, I swear.

Of course Saira, that would be wonderful!

I blame the past-Baucom, Matt and Jody. Way to suck it up, guys. The last good ed was Toner. Can we hire from beyond the student populous?

I miss high school....

Dr. Kudravi will be missed...he was a great man and a great professor.

...STAC is still a joke major!

See page 13 for more Slivers.

EMORY HEALTHCARE

Herpes Vaccine Research Study

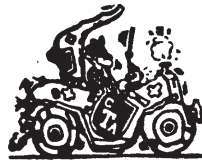
Emory University is recruiting healthy 18-30 year old female volunteers for a study of an investigational herpes vaccine to determine if it will prevent genital herpes infection in women. An initial screening visit will be conducted to determine eligibility for the study. For those who are eligible, there will be at least 8 study visits over a 20 month period, along with periodic telephone contacts. Volunteers will receive reimbursement for time and travel related to the study.

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OPINIONS

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Quote of the week:

"The best way to have a good idea is to have a lot of ideas."
—Linus Pauling

OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Merit your honor

Under the lead of professors Randy Engle and Greg Nobles, the College of Architecture, the College of Sciences and Ivan Allen College have continued along the winding path of planning the Honors Program.

Three ad-hoc committees involving faculty and students have been formed to work out the details for the program to be implemented in the three colleges by Fall 2006.

While it is understandable that advocates of the plan wish to open the program to students as soon as possible, it is imperative that it be something that actually does benefit, or at least do no disservice to the Tech community as a whole.

Engle and Nobles have both indicated that the Honors courses would not necessarily be harder than standard Tech classes, but rather that they would be "different."

If the Honors classes aren't any harder, then what makes Honors program graduates deserving of a more prestigious degree? Graduates of such an Honors program would have a leg up in applying for jobs and graduate schools simply by having an honors degree. And if admission into the Honors program is based solely on high school preformance, does that mean these students will have an advantage all through college and beyond simply for having done well in high school?

This, of course, leads to the question of what sort of admissions criteria would make one student more eligible for an Honors program than the other; we await a (hopefully) satisfactory answer.

Creating an Honors degree can be a great attribute, but if it isn't worthy of its lofty status, it would only unnessecarily devalue the degree of every other Tech student.

Insure your health

Tech, UGA, Georgia State and Medical College of Georgia have come together to form a task force to provide their graduate students with quality and affordable health insurance, by making insurance mandatory for a larger percentage of graduates.

While it may seem strange and potentially undesirable to force a financial obligation onto students, a mandatory insurance policy helps make insurance more accessible for all.

At a time when yearly insurance premiums increase by up to 30 percent for some students, placing a greater number of students under a mandatory policy will allow these students to negotiate a better bargain for their money.

A better insurance policy will improve retention of current students and make Tech more attractive to graduate students.

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By Patrick Odneal / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Fuel crisis calls for alternatives

I'm sure the gradual increase in gas prices over the past few years, as well as the sudden spike in gas prices over the past few months, needs no introduction.

Almost everyone I know complains about the price of gas these days, and I can't say I blame them.

I used to brush off the issue of increased gas prices. My car gets between 31 and 35 miles per gallon and I figured, "Well, I'm not as bad off as most people," but after paying \$37 at my last fill up (\$3.11 per gallon times 12 gallons), even I am starting to feel the pressure.

I am not terribly optimistic on the outlook either. I believe at this point gas prices are a lot like school fees—once they go up, they don't come back down. This means that we clearly can't keep going on like we have in the past.

The main problems here are twofold:

The first, and easiest, problem is that of perception and status. Whether most will admit it, this plays a very significant roll for most in the purchase of an automobile.

People want something stylish that will make them look better in the eyes of others. They want a status symbol.

Its for this reason that my dad just bought a V8 Toyota Tundra (which gets 18 mpg) when the 4 cylinder Toyota Tacoma that he got rid of (which got almost 30 mpg) more than suited his needs.

Its also for this reason that many of the rednecks in my hometown would rather chew off their left arm than be caught in anything less than a jacked up, V8 4x4 pickup with 36-inch mud tires.

Don't laugh too hard just yet. The obsession with impractical vehicles is just as rampant in the big city.

Where else can you find someone who pays more per month for his supercharged V8 Mercedes than he



"A larger and larger percentage of consumers are going to demand more fuel efficient cars. The norm is going to shift...."

Jamie Howell
Photography Editor

does his two-bedroom apartment? Face it, our status symbols mean a lot to us.

How much are these status symbols costing us? Currently if you drive 250 miles a week and you get 18 mpg, you are paying \$72 a month more per month than someone who is getting 36 mpg.

If gas ever gets up to \$4.50 a gallon, that difference will increase to \$108 a month.

Is \$108 a month worth it? For the average soccer mom and dad trying to keep up with the Joneses next door, probably. For anyone else, who knows? Your mileage may vary—pun intended.

The second main problem—one that I believe will be much harder to solve—is one of Americans simply driving too much.

As America becomes more spread out, we have no choice but to travel more. We travel (often long distances) to work, to shop and to play.

Carpooling makes sense, but it is not very practical. How often do you run across a situation where between two and five people want to go to the same place at the same time? Aside from the occasional Kroger run or away football game, I can't think of too many.

The real problem is that we have a lot of people who need to get a lot of different places on a frequent basis. Carpooling could help in some circumstances but is clearly

not the answer.

In the car-buying market I believe there are three basic groups of consumers—those who care about nothing but looks and status, those who care about nothing but economy and the vast percentage of consumers somewhere in the middle that base their purchases on both style and economy.

Just for the record, I think both extremes of this market will always exist. There will always be the rich who could care less about fuel prices and there will always be the poor college student who just wants to get from point A to point B as cheaply as possible.

Where the changes are going to occur, though, is with the mainstream.

A larger and larger percentage of consumers are going to demand more fuel efficient cars. The norm is going to shift from cars like the Honda Accord to cars such as a Honda Accord-H (hybrid, hydrogen or maybe both). Give it five years, it will happen.

The gears of change are already turning. Ultra fuel efficient vehicles used to be confined to the low end economy market but are now creeping up into midsize and luxury segments.

This is ultimately the most important step to winning the hearts of mainstream America. Because in the eyes of the Joneses, driving a 2000 pound econobox just isn't cool.

Online information often misleads viewer

With the widespread use of the Facebook and Google, much of a college student's personal data is readily available online.

Both technologies are great to learn more about current friends or to find out new information about recent acquaintances but should be used sparingly when trying to get to know someone new.

My concern is that people rely too much on the Facebook and Google to make judgments about strangers and that often-times people evaluate each other based solely on what they read online.

Take for example a freshman student who is applying to be a member of a student organization. Whether it's a fraternity or sorority, one of the handful of freshman leadership organizations or any other group where a large number of applicants fill a limited number of openings, chances are that the members of the organization have looked up the biographies of all the new applicants through Facebook and Google.

First impressions are hard to erase, and when a first impression of a person comes from a Facebook page, it can be misleading.

Does a list of one's favorite music show how hard a worker he is? Do the books a person reads reflect how smart she is?



"Call me Mr. Obvious, but a good rule of thumb is to only post stuff that you would want your mom or your future employer to see."

Patrick Odneal
Sports Editor

Is someone with 200 Facebook friends twice as social as someone with 100 friends?

Perhaps most detrimental is when people log on to Facebook to see how good looking someone is. If a picture says a thousand words, it can also tell a thousand lies—meaning that, for better or worse, people in real life don't always look like their snapshot on a website.

Popular search engines like Google also don't divulge the inner intricacies of a person. Search engines are only as good as the information available on websites, and so much about a person isn't typed up on the internet.

Search engines are geared toward the most recently updated information. That's why a search for my name returns my *Technique* articles first.

A search result is also geared toward sites that have more of a

"web presence." Sites that generate more volume of visitors generally get ranked higher on a search results page than those sites that have a limited fan base.

Ten years ago, no one could have predicted the effect that Google has on our lives today. Google is so common that it is becoming part of the vernacular. Have a question? "Just google it," we say.

The same is true for the Facebook, and perhaps the Facebook is spreading even faster than Google did.

Take as an example the latest book by Tom Wolfe, called *I Am Charlotte Simmons*, which takes place at the fictional Dupont University. Even though the book was published in November 2004, it was already out of date when it hit bookstores less than a year ago because it was written just before the Facebook craze started.

The book tries to chronicle the ways of college life—from life in the classroom and dorms to parties and college sports—but what's left out in Wolfe's book is a student's constant consultation of other people's online profile.

(On a side note, Wolfe's book has gotten only mixed reviews, and it fails in many ways other than missing the Facebook boat. If you haven't read it yet, don't bother. You have better things to do with your time.)

My advice to students is to always be cautious about what information they post on the internet. From your profile on the Facebook to your personal websites and blogs, remember that you never know who will be looking up your personal information online. Your residence on the internet is like a glass house—it's there for everyone to see.

Call me Mr. Obvious, but a good rule of thumb is to only post stuff that you would want your mom or your future employer to see. Stay away from pictures where you are participating in illegal activities, like drug use or under-aged drinking, vandalism or burglary. Also, make sure you are properly clothed in your pictures.

So congratulations, you have read my entire editorial. Now you may go back to your Facebook.

BUZZ Around the Campus Should creationism or evolution be taught in schools?



Jacob Tucker
Fifth-year INTA

"Both should be taught as theories, as neither can be proven."



Hattie Ni
Third-year STAC

"No."



Rolan Duvvury
First-year ARCH

"We should teach evolution because it happens to be right."



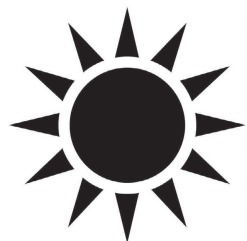
Sharon Pamperin
First-year BME

"Creationism."

Ben Keyserling

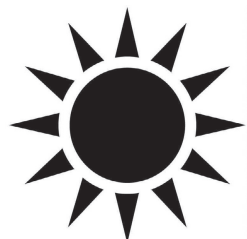
OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT- or -NOT



One world

Tech students and social activism came together in a rare meeting this past Tuesday during the MOVE and SGA sponsored rally for the ONE Campaign. ONE, the "Campaign to Make Poverty History," is a movement to fight AIDS and poverty in Africa that is spreading quickly throughout the country with the help of endorsement by the likes of Bono, Brad Pitt and other big-name celebrities.



Cash money records

While we did not reach our goal of raising \$50,000 for Katrina relief, \$45,000 is pretty darn close. The Tech community has consistently set very high goals where charity is concerned. We put our money where our hearts are, and so falling short of a \$50,000 goal by \$5,000 is still quite admirable.



It's not 'T' time

To the person who stole the 'T' from the Office of Community Service and Greek Affairs: the point of stealing the 'T' from Tech Tower is the challenge of doing so (but don't try). Sauntering out of an office with the 'T' doesn't mean jack. Tech tradition is one thing; taking a \$5,500 'T' replica from an office is another. Thank you, though, for returning the 'T' safe and sound, along with a nice note of apology.



Belligerent drunks

Last Friday night, five to six drunken males damaged approximately thirty student-made models at the architecture building. The perpetrators were driven out and police are investigating the incident. However, the real question is why a bunch of drunks would go to the architecture building on a Friday night?

Trojan horse infiltrates science

Staff Editorial
Tufts Daily

(U-WIRE) Tufts U.—With the opening last week of *Kitz-miller et al. v. Dover Area School District* in a Pennsylvania federal court, the age-old battle between science and religion returned to national prominence. The latest installment in this historically innate conflict addresses the validity of the "theory" of intelligent design. Specifically, should intelligent design be mentioned in Dover School District biology textbooks as a legitimate alternative to the theory of evolution?

One basic point is key to understanding the intelligent design controversy: in the battle over official government policy and the public school curriculum, religion has, in general, been defeated by science. In the 80 years since the Scopes trial, legislators, educators and judges alike have found that in the interest of constitutional principles and in pursuit of the best possible

education for American children, religion must be kept separate from science.

The quandary, then, for opponents of science and rational thought, is how to infiltrate a system from which they have been ejected. The answer appears straight out of Homer's *Odyssey*. While creationism is far too overtly religious to be widely accepted in the public school system, creationism without any mention of God and propagated by institutions and individuals pretending to be members of the scientific community would serve as a sort of Trojan horse for fundamentalist religious activists. A faux "theory" of the origins of life which holds onto the major principles of creationism while still sounding scientific may be able to infiltrate high school biology textbooks and undermine evolution.

This is the role of intelligent design. Because it doesn't men-

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tion God, or even god, and because it is promoted by right-wing "scientific" organizations like the Discovery Institute, it is considered by some, most publicly the Dover Area School Board, to be an acceptable way to acknowledge and sate religious hostility and discomfort with the theory of evolution.

The problem with intelligent design, of course, is that it quite clearly has nothing whatsoever to do with science. A scientific theory is based on observable evidence, and hence is testable. Intelligent design is based only on blind faith, and is therefore not testable.

Observing phenomena, such as the rich biological diversity and complexity on earth and seeking to explain it through the creation of some unseen force or entity is a completely valid way of understanding the world. However, that type of reasoning is religious or philosophical rather than scientific in nature. What advocates of intelligent design do not understand is that the consequences of confusing religion and science can be catastrophic.

To the Christian right, society's ills are caused by the general failure of people to accept Jesus as their savior. This reasoning may be valid to a person who can look back fondly on the filth, feudalism, and state of perpetual war that was Christian medieval Europe, but to those Americans who are not members of the Republican Party, science and rational thought are all that stand between 21st century America and a new Inquisition.

Proving innocence in face of FBI phone taps

The FBI has announced that sometimes it accidentally listens to the wrong conversations over tapped telephone lines under the Patriot Act. While information gathered cannot be used against you per se, it is possible information you give over the phone may be used for further investigations of you.

For this reason, to prove I'm an honest citizen, I have written below transcripts of the past five telephone conversations I have had. The boring parts have been taken out. The rest remains intact:

Retail store, 10/2/05, 2:13p.m.

Me: Hello?

Clerk: Hi?

Me: What's your return policy?

Clerk: What?

Me: Your return policy?

Clerk: What's a—?

Me: I bought this jacket last week, but it's too big. Can I return it if I have the receipt?

Clerk: Yeah?

Me: Thanks.

Clerk: [click]

Pharmacy, 10/2/05, 4:15p.m.

Recording: Thank you for calling the pharmacy. If you wish to refill a prescription, please press 1. If you are a doctor, please press 9. If you would like a prescription filled, please press 3.

Me: [press 1]

Recording: Please enter the six digit code located on the left corner of your prescription, then press the pound key.

Me: [skilled button pushing]



"If I'm guilty of anything, it's preferring to talk to actual people. I also occasionally curse at recorded voices."

Alexandra Pajak
Columnist

Recording: If you would like to pick up your prescription today, press 1. Tomorrow, press 2.

Then, my favorite part:

Recording: Enter the time you would like to pick up your prescription. For example, if you would like to pick up your prescription at 4 o'clock, press four, zero, zero, then press the pound key.

The high point of the conversation is when I press "1" for "a.m." and "2" for "p.m." which is even cooler.

Younger sibling, 10/3/05, 1:11a.m.

Me: Hello?

Sibling: Hey, Alexandra.

Me: It's past 1a.m.! Are you ok?

Sibling: You said you wanted to talk.

Me: I said I'd be up around midnight.

Sibling: Well, college is going well. I got an "A" on my English paper. I have a math test tomorrow. I finished all my problem sets except one, and I'm hoping for a "B," but we'll see. I just finished a psych paper. It's about schizophrenia. It turns out that within

schizophrenia are actually two subgroups of people, one of whom are obsessive-compulsive—

Me: [incoherent muffled noise]

Sibling: What?

Me: Sorry...I'm really tired.

Sibling: Oh, ok. Let's talk tomorrow. How's that?

Me: Ok.

I don't remember actually hanging up the phone. I think I fell asleep somewhere between the last 'ok' and heading back into bed.

Extended Family, 10/1/05

Me: Oh, hi mom. How was Cousin Lenny's wedding?

Mom: It was great. The reception was very nice. We went on a Frank Lloyd Wright Tour.

Me: That sounds neat. I didn't know there were Frank Lloyd Wright houses in Buffalo.

Mom: Me neither. It was very nice. Would you like to talk to your Aunt Maggie?

Me: Ok.

Aunt Maggie: Hi!

Me: Hi Aunt Maggie.

Aunt Maggie: How are you?

Me: I'm fine.

Aunt Maggie: I've never used a cell phone before, so I'm giving it back to your mother.

Me: Ok.

Aunt Maggie: Bye!

Me: Bye, Aunt Maggie.

Mom: Would you like to talk to your Uncle Frank?

Me: Ok.

Uncle Frank: Hello!

Me: Hi, Uncle Frank.

Uncle Frank: How's it going?

Me: Pretty good. How are you?

Uncle Frank: Pretty good. Well, take it easy!

Me: Ok.

Uncle Frank: Bye.

Me: Bye.

Telemarketer, Everyday, Dinnertime

Me: Hello?

Telemarketer: Hello, is this Alexandria... Pojack?

Me: [click]

If I'm guilty of anything, it's preferring to talk to actual people. I also occasionally curse at recorded voices. I sometimes mistake a recorded voice for an actual one. Kafka, you were right all along. And you, too, Jerry Seinfeld.

So there's my proof I'm a good citizen. And if any FBI agents are reading this and are still interested in tapping my calls, could you please send David Duchovny to investigate? I know that is SO 1990s and only one step down from a total Trekkie. But if I'm going to have my wires tapped, it's worth trying to have some fun with it.

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EVOLUTION: JUST A THEORY?

Retired Regents professor authors a book aimed at college students on understanding the creation-evolution controversy. Page 11

DEF JAM CEO'S SUCCESS GUIDE

The CEO of Def Jam Records tells the tale of his spectacular rise to hip-hop mogul and details how you can make it happen. Page 15



Engineering students go beyond national borders

By Emily Tate
Contributing Writer

As the student body has settled in over the past few weeks, Tech has witnessed the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina and lent a helping hand in as many ways as possible.

Although the Institute's reaction to this disaster has been swift and helpful, it has also turned the American population's attention away from areas around the world that still are in desperate need of help.

One student organization however, has pledged this semester to not only help out with the disaster in New Orleans, but to continue to helping other regions of the world who are suffering from the same problems as in Louisiana.

The Tech chapter of Engineering Students Without Borders (ESWB) returned this May from Colonia Los Angeles, an urban suburb of La Lima, Honduras, after assessing the conditions of a 35-year-old water system that was worn from use.

The deteriorating condition of the water tower, pipes, well and pump has made it hard for people in the community to receive adequate amounts of water due to low water pressure and that has also meant coliform contamination of water coming into the homes.

"From the water quality tests that we performed we were able to determine that the water from the well is in good

order however coliform was found in the water at homes, which is most probably due to leakage," said Angharad Pagnon, ESWB Student President.

"It isn't clear where the sewage pipe is in respect to that of the water [well] and whether it contaminates it," he said.

Due to contamination, the team

"[ESWB] consists of a group of people dedicated to improving the lives of others and ultimately having the opportunity to improve their own."

Brenda Vargas
CEE Senior

investigating the water system must now focus on the capacity of the well, the structure of the water tower and the leakage of the piping.

"This fall, the team is returning to Honduras to determine the capacity of the well," Pagnon said.

The group, which has about 35 members will return to La Lima within the year to also implement the repairs they deem necessary after they have analyzed the data gathered.

The team will work on

designing a plan to better control the water system in Colonia Los Angeles.

"ESWB [is] working on a model system for the city and are in the data analysis concept phase," said Michael Saunders, ESWB faculty sponsor.

"Engineering Students Without Borders is a great organization for students as well as faculty to invest their efforts in. It consists of a group of people dedicated to improving the lives of others and ultimately having the opportunity to improve their own," said Brenda Vargas, a fourth-year Civil and Environmental Engineering who was part of the group that visited Honduras.

The Tech chapter of ESWB was founded by Vargas and Pagnon, along with Marcus Millard, a Chemistry major who graduated in 1997.

In addition to helping with the water conditions of this Honduras community, ESWB has joined with other community service organizations to formulate ideas about contributing to the rebuilding effort in Louisiana.

According to Pagnon, ESWB has received much support from the Architecture and Civil Engineering Departments on campus, and they are still looking for help with the technical aspects of both projects.

"Now, the organization is currently looking for volunteers who are willing to specifically help out with the health of the city, but there is plenty of work and opportunity."

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Photo courtesy of Angharad C. Pagnon

The Community Water Tower in Colonia Los Angeles, La Lima is part of the 35-year-old, worn-out water system which the Engineering Students Without Borders (ESWB) members assessed on their trip to Honduras in May 2005.

Honor Societies offer more than just scholastic recognition

By Chanchala Kaddi
Contributing Writer

Honor societies cater to students across different majors and classes and yet have stringent selection criteria.

Most of them require members or prospective members to meet certain academic requirements, and they try to instill skills such as leadership and teamworking abilities in their members through various projects and activities.

The 'Nique tried to peek behind the scenes at some of the college's best-known honor societies to see what they were all about.

"The eligibility requirements for membership in Tau Beta Pi are exemplary character and distinguished scholarship," said Stephanie Thompson, President of Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society.

"We invite the top 1/8 of the junior class and the top 1/5 of the senior class to join. In terms of exemplary character, we look for individuals who are self-motivated, hard-working, dependable and responsible, and who hold paramount the integrity of the engineering profession," said Thompson.

"The minimum requirements to join the society include being a co-op

that has co-oped at least 2 semesters and a minimum GPA of at least 3.0," said Jennie Teague, President of the Briaerean Honor Society.

"Membership is based on GPA," said Craig Ramsey, Vice President of Chi Epsilon, the Civil Engineering honor society.

These societies bring students together through fun-filled social activities to form new friendships and lasting networks.

"Members can participate in our monthly social dinners at local restaurants or our pool and paintball tournaments where the organization pays the bill and encourages its members to get to know one another," Teague said.

"HKN also organizes the Spring Picnic in April for all ECE students and faculty. A catered barbeque and various other activities are provided to ensure that everyone has a good time."

"We don't want to be known as people with high GPAs, so we have lots of fun social events and get-togethers for our members. Bringing our members together helps create a network that they can carry out into the world with them," said Daniel Might, former President of Alpha

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By Ayan Kishore / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students take an oath to be inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars as new members of the elite honor society in an official ceremony held in the Student Center on Sept. 12, 2005.

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Pi Mu, the Industrial Engineering honor society.

"We ran a t-shirt competition to design an IE shirt, which was a huge success," he said.

Honor societies often develop mechanisms to help their members survive the grueling Tech curriculum while rewarding the top performers.

From mentoring programs to scholarships, all serve to aid as well as motivate the students.

"As biomedical engineers, we have many options and career paths in this new emerging field. Alpha Eta Mu Beta seeks to recognize, promote excellence, and aid

those in progress," said Hua-Mei Chai, President of Alpha Eta Mu Beta, the Biomedical Engineering honor society.

Applications are accepted for \$2000 scholarships for undergraduate members and \$10,000 fellowships for graduate student members. In addition, Tau Beta Pi selects a Laureate each year.

"This award is given to gifted engineering students who have excelled in areas beyond their technical majors, such as in music, art or community service and includes a \$2500 cash award," he said.

Eta Kappa Nu offers annual prizes to outstanding senior and sophomore students in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

HKN runs a fundraising campaign that provides scholarships to ECE students. HKN began selling chip sets for ECE lab classes a year ago at prices significantly lower than

those of Engineer's Bookstore and Barnes & Noble.

"This program has saved students \$12,500 in comparison to what they would have spent by purchasing their chip sets from Engineer's Bookstore, and the chip sets' price at Engineer's is cheaper than at Barnes and Noble," said Abhinav Saxena, the Publicity Chair of Eta Kappa Nu, HKN.

HKN is using proceeds from this fundraising campaign to establish scholarships.

These scholarships are awarded to ECE juniors "on the basis of a student's financial need, academic record, on-campus and community involvement and future aspirations in the field of electrical or computer engineering," Saxena said.

This year, one \$500 scholarship will be awarded

each semester.

"We are looking for corporate sponsors for the scholarship fund in order to transform it into a Georgia Tech endowed scholarship for ECE students," he said.

Eta Kappa Nu offers a variety of academic support activities for ECE students, including seminars on applying to graduate school and pursuing an MBA, and also more day-to-day help in matters such as choosing classes and exam preparation, according to Saxena.

While co-opting in itself helps students find jobs prior to graduation, the Briaerean Society tries to make the whole process easier for its members.

"Corporate speaker meetings provide a way to network with these companies maybe even before the members start looking for jobs," said Teague.

Being part of an honor society

can also be a good way to give something back to the community, both on and off campus. Many of them have mandatory community service requirements that members must fulfill.

"HKN requires that initiates into the honor society complete one volunteer service project in the community. We have an active relationship with HOPE Worldwide in which we tutor underprivileged children in several Atlanta area elementary schools," Teague said.

"Each semester, at least once, we go to the Atlanta Community Food Bank and volunteer our time and effort in assisting them with whatever they need help with."

Jane Ammons, associate dean of Engineering for Faculty Affairs and Chief Advisor to Tau Beta Pi was herself initiated into the society back in the early 70's, when they had just started accepting women.

"At Tau Beta Pi, we have some of the future leaders of engineering and these students learn a whole lot about having a vision and executing it. You pick up a lot in the process of trying to organize and implement [Tau Beta Pi] events," said Ammons.

She further points out that a large amount of the learning that takes place during college years happens outside the classroom in dorms, social organizations or intramural sports. An active professional society is a great place to acquire such skills.

"If you're a Tau Beta Pi officer, you make good friends with top students and leaders from across engineering disciplines as well as those from other universities," she said.

Dr. Eric Murray, Academic Professional and Manager of Introductory Laboratories at the School of Physics, seconds the benefits that membership in an honor society can bring. "Any opportunity to get involved, especially if it has to do with your major or a career, is a plus," said Murray.

Students have mixed feelings on the value of honor societies. "I



By Ayan Kishore / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students line up to be inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, one of the many honor societies present at Tech.

think they are wonderful; they give students some recognition for all of the hard work they put in to do well in school; they allow for students to identify with others who value the same performance level that they strive for," said Jessica Durham, a third-year psychology major. "I believe they are helpful in creating networks among high achieving students which are not only helpful while they are at Tech, but likely in the future, in their chosen careers."

However, some students note that honor societies are not essential to success at Tech or in future careers. They point out that the exclusiveness of some honor societies can be a drawback to the sense of community

among students in a given major or other recruiting category.

"They serve a good purpose to those who are in them but they can sometimes promote elitism in their members," said Jessica Smith, a sixth-year Electrical engineering major.

"People who are never in honor societies can get through high school and college just fine and still have a great future, so I don't necessarily see how they are truly beneficial," she said.

"Some sort of recognition is due for the top of the class but I don't think there needs to be a whole society for those people."

Zen Mehra also contributed to this article.

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Tech professor tackles creation-evolution controversy

By Swathy Prithivi
Focus Writer

Dr. Eugene Ashby has spent his entire career, here at Tech, as a distinguished professor in the Chemistry department for over 30 years devoted to scientific pursuits.

Now as a retired Regents Professor and a Christian, he has applied the same ardor to scientifically investigating his new book titled *Understanding the Creation Evolution Controversy: A Scientific Evaluation Consistent with Both Modern Science and the Bible*.

"The inspiration [behind the book] was that I was reading and hearing a lot of things about the creation-evolution controversy and...it didn't make sense to me," Ashby said.

"So I decided to take whatever time it took, and it took five years to write this book, to study both sides on the question."

Despite his Christian roots, he wrote this book mainly as a scientist.

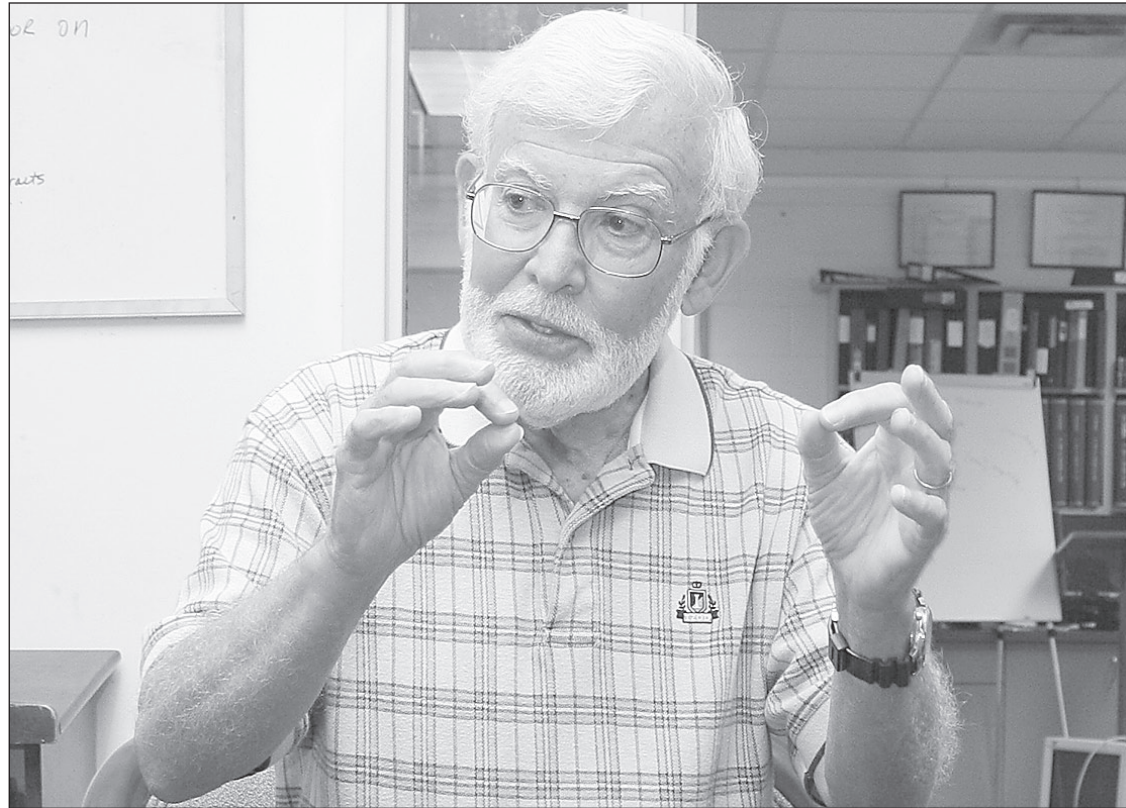
"This is not a religious book [but rather] this is a scientific analysis of the creation-evolution controversy," he said.

He analyses the controversy by looking all sides and all the facts and comes out with evidence, as the book title suggests, supporting, to some extent, both sides of the argument.

"I looked at both sides, all the facts. Unfortunately I could not come out strongly on either side because both sides have major problems, which I don't think they're facing up to."

This book is aimed at first-year college students as Ashby has spent the majority of his life teaching or advising young people.

"I'm not so interested into talking to adults although if they want to read this book, they're fine. But if young



By Michael Skinner / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Eugene Ashby, a retired Regents and Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at Tech for over 30 years, recently authored a book on the creation-evolution controversy aimed at first-year college students.

people are not completely confused by what they've been reading and seeing, they should be," he said.

"Both sides, I think, have overstated their positions. So I've studied both sides and I've come to a conclusion that I feel very comfortable with."

He clearly outlines in his book the different sides of the controversy before embarking on any sort of analysis.

"I consider myself a creationist and I believe that God created the universe and the analysis that I've done has not changed that all. But I'm not a scientific creationist and people don't make a distinction between the two things."

According to him, when the

media talks about creationists, they are really talking about scientific creationists and when they are talking about evolutionists they are really talking about Darwinian evolutionists.

"If you ask me if I believe in evolution, I'd say, 'I do.' But if you're talking about Darwinian evolution it's an invalid concept. The facts are there but I don't why people won't measure up to that. You have to define terms," he said.

"A creationist, to me, is a person who believes that God created the universe and man. I believe that through faith but it's been re-established through by studies."

"Scientific creationists believe that the Earth is 6000 years old and

that the universe was created in six 24-hour days. They hold very fast to that and they don't believe or accept the Big Bang theory."

The scientific facts show that the universe is 17 billion years old and the earth is 4.6 billion years old, he said.

"The scientific evidence is overwhelming and they [scientific creationists]...don't realize they're trying to defend an untenable position. The reason that people don't want [scientific] creationism taught in public schools is because they know that all of the scientific evidence is against a 6000 to 10,000 year old earth."

"For scientific creationists, there's no reason to distinguish between

the creation of the universe and the creation of the earth since they are only 6 days apart."

Ashby undergoes a rigorous analysis on the evolution theory as well.

"Some of the top scientists in the world are getting very disillusioned with Darwinian evolution. In biology arguments are being developed to show (and I do some of that in my book) that there's no way that [creation] is going to happen by chance. 17 billion years is not enough time [for that]."

Ashby explores Darwinian evolution in his book that says that the cell came about by chance and then from the cell through mutation followed by natural selection from which emerged all of these different species.

According to him, the way to analyzing the controversy would be to look at the first cell about which, even today only little is really known.

To demonstrate the role of randomness in evolution Ashby gave an example of the role of enzymes in the folding of proteins in the cell.

"The probability calculation of putting just one enzyme [in the right place] is 1 chance in 10 to the 30013 chances. According to mathematicians, 1 chance in 10 to the 50th chances is 0 i.e., 50 zeroes followed by a one. That's just one enzyme. You have roughly 2000 enzymes in the cell and 1000s of proteins, carbohydrates and lipids," he said.

He also touched on the topic of including different ideologies of the in high school curriculum.

"I believe that creation should be part of the discussion in high schools," he said.

"A person might say, 'Well, that's not science,' and those are the people that don't know what [is] going on."

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ties to work to go around," Saunders said.

With two high-energy projects taking place simultaneously, one of them might end up affecting the other in quality due to the limited resources of any student organization.

However ESWB is determined not to let this happen as the organization is "structured to make sure that the projects do not hinder each other," Pagnon said.

The organization is sponsored by Obra Cost Consulting and has also received funds from an anonymous donor according to Dr. Saunders.

ESWB is proposing to other community service organizations to help out primarily with housing for the victims on the Gulf Coast.

The exact needs of the areas affected by Katrina will be assessed in meetings with other participating student organizations.

"I feel very privileged at having had the opportunity to spend

almost a week with the members of the community in Honduras," Vargas said.

"The assessment trip in May, I think, was a way for ESWB members to acquire an understanding of the hardships faced by people in developing communities, and to also use their engineering problem-solving skills to find a way to arrive at a solution that will ultimately raise the quality of life for the wonderful people of La Lima, Honduras," she said.

From their experience in Honduras in dealing with decaying water situations, ESWB is a strong ally in the rebuilding of the devastated areas affected by the hurricane.

They are not only addressing situations of importance in our own country, like the Katrina crisis but are also raising awareness of challenging issues faced by developing communities internationally.

Students interested in joining the organization or participating a project can find more information at their website: <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/ESWB/>



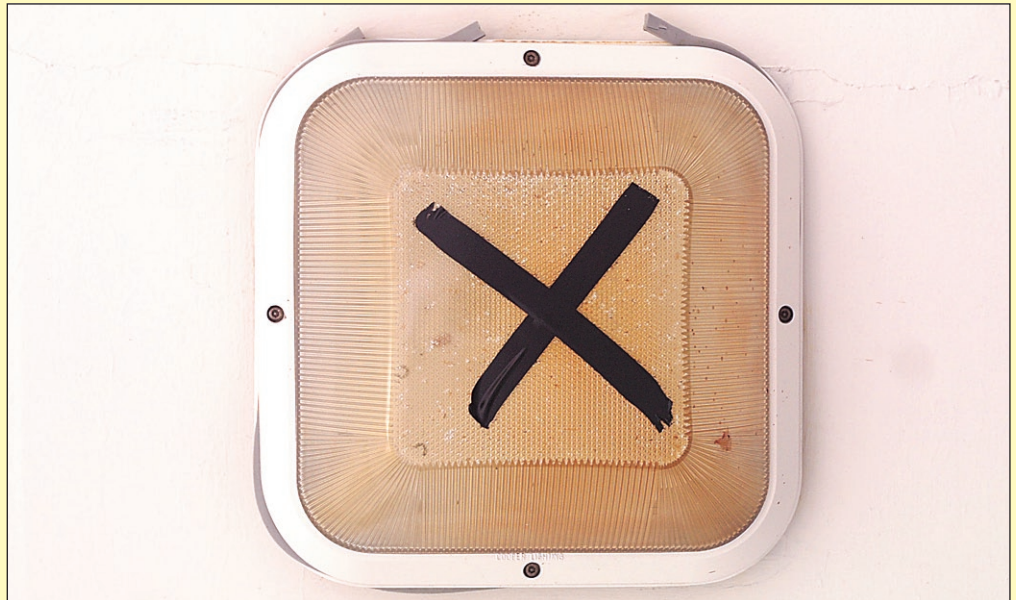
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Members of the Engineering Students Without Borders, who travelled to Honduras, pose with some of the local community leaders.

Tech Up Close

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By Scott Medway / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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Last week's Tech Up Close:
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Last week's winners:
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I'm sure I'm not the only one who thinks race heritage months are stupid

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To bring up a much-debated topic from last year...

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I still really, really like Sarah.

Someone woke me up "When September Ended"

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who wore my sandal home from ATO sat?

what happened to recess?

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Kevin Liles, former President of Def Jam Records has a new autobiography out. Is it worth your time? Page 15

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A converted receiver, Damarius Bilbo, is making a name for himself on the gridiron. Page 22

Netherworld provides scares for a price

By Siddhartha Parmar
Contributing Writer

It's that time of the year again. Ghouls, goblins and witches are getting ready to come out. But for those who want to experience a scare now, Netherworld, "a walk-through dark attraction filled with terrifying live actors, amazing special effects and incredible monsters," according to their website, is open for business.

Located on I-85 near Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Netherworld is not an average haunted house. It is three haunted houses in one, each one having a different theme. There are "The Terror of Tiki Island," "Abomination," and "Slaughterhouse."

The premise behind "Tiki Island" is you are shipwrecked on a mysterious island with strange sounds, animals, and idols. You walk round the island until "at last you reach a

massive stone god lurking behind a bloodstained altar. The ritual can now begin...the sacrifice has arrived," according to the haunted house's website.

In "Abomination," "From the foulest pits of the NETHERWORLD surge a horde of huge savage monsters! Massive brutal things coursing with evil intelligence hunt humans and drag them away ALIVE,

screaming into the darkness! Lead by a nightmarish WARLORD, these things cannot be stopped, unless the books that summoned them are destroyed," the website said.

In "Slaughterhouse," something lurks in an abandoned

meat processing plant. According to the description on the website, "local teens say that the place, long ago closed for selling tainted meat, still runs on moonless nights. Some believe an inbred tribe of cannibal squatters hides in the twisted corri-

If holding on to someone makes you feel safe, then bring a friend, because strangers will probably tire of your cowardice before too long.



By Ariel Bravy STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A multi-fingered monstrosity, who probably got very good marks in typing class, accosts helpless bystanders at Netherworld.



By Ariel Bravy STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

One of Netherworld's cast of monstrosities showcases the haunted house's staff's stunning abilities with makeup and costuming.

dors, packing their latest victims into cans for later feasting." It is operating for unknown reasons and processing the other white meat, humans.

"Abomination" is decent. There are a few scares, but nothing too different. The creatures looked more weird than scary. The human counterparts had the intended scare effect. Tiki Island is very different and original because it's in 3-D and requires special 3-D glasses. The different colors and shapes are interesting but not scary at all. This haunted house is clearly for the kids.

"The Slaughterhouse" is the best one of the three and should only be seen by adults. Without giving too much away, here is why this is the best one: it takes claustrophobia and fear of darkness to another level with extremely cramped hallways and no lighting at all. This method was very effective, except for the random running into walls it caused.

Ticket prices are a little steep. "Abomination" sells at \$15, "Abomination" and another haunted house sells at \$20, and all three are \$25.

"Slaughterhouse" is the only one really worth seeing and \$20 seems to be on the pricey side, even with "Abomination" added in. Discounted tickets and coupons are available by joining Netherworld's mailing list at www.fearworld.com.

Here are a few tips about Netherworld for the haunted house uninitiated. If holding onto someone makes you feel safe, then bring a friend, because strangers will probably tire of your cowardice before too long. If you don't like to be scared, then be in the middle of the group, because the people in the front and behind the group will get all the good scares.

If you are going to a haunted house to get in the mood for Halloween, then go towards the end of the month. It takes about one hour to see all three houses and it will probably take longer as the month progresses due to longer lines.

Netherworld is a very scary experience. However, it probably doesn't merit paying for all three of the haunted houses.

Get your emo on in Duluth

My Chemical Romance will be playing at the Arena at Gwinnett Center tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18.99. The band is currently touring in support of its latest album, *Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge*.

Women + War to close Sunday

The Women + War Project, presented by Synchronicity, presents its final shows this weekend at the 7 Stages Theatre in Little Five Points. The project presents the stories of various women through history, all affected by war in some way, in dramatic text.

The stories presented include those of a 10-year-old girl during the Civil War, a Vietnamese immigrant spy for the CIA, a Tech student who remembers her childhood in the midst of the Bosnian war and many others. Show times tonight and tomorrow night are at 8 p.m. and Sunday night at 7 p.m. Tickets cost from \$15 to \$20.

They're not the Partridge Family

The 5 Browns, a quintet of five siblings classically trained in multiple instruments, will be performing at the First Center for the Arts tonight at 8 p.m. The group's unique performances feature various ensemble configurations, including five grand pianos on one stage. Tickets cost from \$25 to \$35 for the general public; Tech students may purchase up to two tickets for \$10 each at the First Center box office.

Our Lady Peace to play Roxy

Thursday night, Our Lady Peace will be playing at the Roxy Theatre as part of their tour in support of their current album, *Healthy in Paranoid Times*. Augustana, a band with too many geographic origins to list, will be playing in support of Our Lady Peace. The show begins at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$22.

A Capella singers do it on their own

Thursday, Oct. 20 at 5:15 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. a workshop will be held for anyone interested in singing a capella in four part harmony. The quartet New Release from Washington D.C. will also be on hand to perform and provide demonstrations of the a capella style of singing.

Along to accompany and present the quartet will be Rick Spencer, an instructor and music specialist from Barbershop Harmony Society in Kenosha, Wis. The event will be held in the D.M. Smith auditorium and is free.

The Like sound just like everything else

By Eldon Stegall
Contributing Writer

The fact that The Like consists of three girls around the age of incoming freshmen has, I believe, finally signalled the reaching of the absolute upper limit of wistful, contemplative teen vocals that can be packed into a single CD. Although their first full-length album, *Are You Thinking What I'm Thinking?* is a thoroughly typical first release for a pop group, it does at times seem overly polished and produced, pos-

...This trio is consistently somber or sarcastic enough to make one wonder what could have happened to make three young people quite so cynical.

sibly ruining whatever made them interesting in the first place.

Ranging from driving to mournful, this trio is consistently somber or sarcastic enough to make one wonder what could have happened to make three young people quite so cynical.

The lead singer, with a voice that varies from haunting to raspy, fills well the space in the stock indie rock chords and beats that somehow

sound like all of the indie-pop songs that have come out in the past few years.



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The Like, Tennessee Thomas, Charlotte Froom and Z Berg, get caught in a candid and not-at-all staged photo around their dinner table.

Lacking any notable solos, or, in fact, any genuine style whatsoever to speak of, the guitarist and drummer conveniently fade into the background, almost making

it a relief when they stop playing altogether and allow the vocals to carry on their own.

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However, though the vocals are intriguing and almost reminiscent of Joanna Newsom at times in their wispy, flighty manner, they can hardly stand on their own. And, even though the lyrics seem genuine and sympathetic, they don't evoke sufficient thought to make up for the

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Should the members of The Like allow themselves to branch from the genre and dare to do something more dramatic and forget about looking coy on the retro photos of the cover art for a moment, they might actually come out with something that is suitable for more than forgettable background music on cheesy television show montages.

However, it could be the perfect soundtrack to a make-out session. Regardless of what one is looking for, it's easy to check out www.ilikethe-like.com and listen for one's self.

Liles' *Make It Happen* makes it happen

By Laura Hassett
Contributing Writer

When I first began reading *From Intern to President: Make It Happen*, I wasn't sure how I would relate to a guy who gets a new pair of Nike white on whites after every two wears and terms Bill Gates' decision to drop out of college "whack."

Yet despite my initial reaction, I have to admit that I enjoyed reading this book. It is written as a kind of how-to book, one about how to get rich and succeed in business. But it really works because it is actually just a fancy autobiography. And author Kevin Liles' life doesn't fail to impress.

Liles grew up hanging with a rough crowd. In high school he performed in a semi-well-known rap group, moved on to become president of Def Jam Records, a hip-hop label, and then to become Executive Vice President of Warner Music Group.

Liles includes 10 rules for success, which double as prefaces for each chapter. I would have enjoyed the book just as much if those rules hadn't been there.

They were the same old ideas, including "get an education" and "be yourself." Liles thinks he's making them his own by using phrases like "Walk this Way," "Play Your Position" and "Do You," but the ideas still seem contrived despite their coating of cool.

But Kevin is such a nice guy that I soon forgave this little misstep. The lessons he teaches best are found through his personal stories.

Number one is that he's willing to take chances on people if he feels like they're worth the risk. He hires interns with limited experience because he recognizes ambition and drive in these kids and wants to reward it. That is a lesson most college students can definitely appreciate.

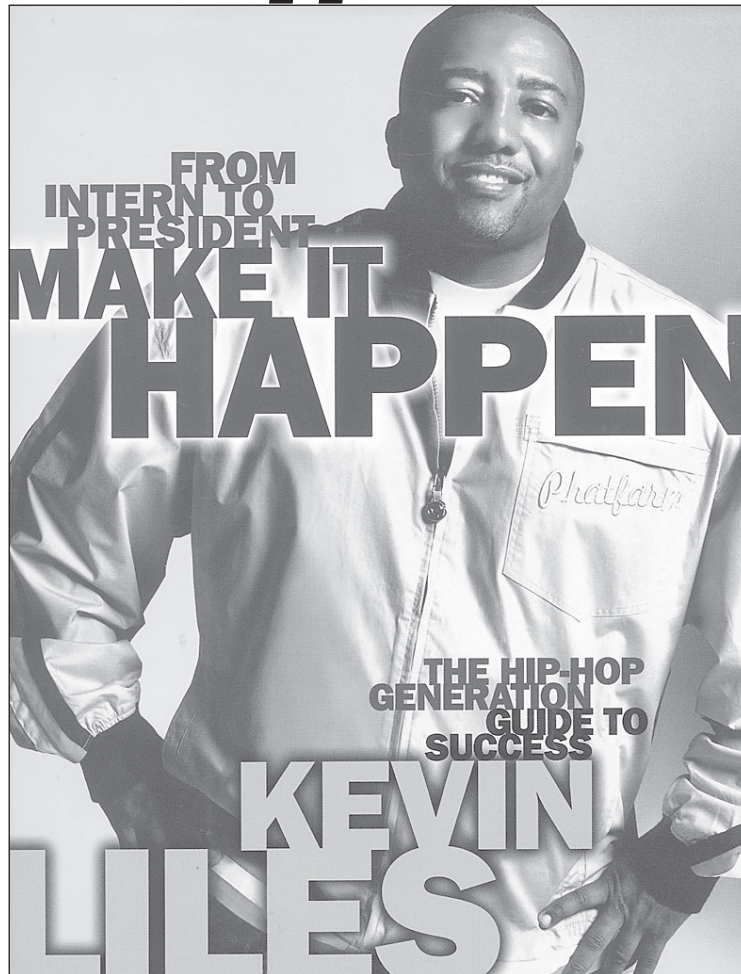


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Kevin Liles is the very successful former President of Def Jam Records, who has now decided to share the secrets of his success.

However, Liles emphasizes that he always covers his own behind. He values being prepared and being aware of what's going on in his business. He definitely has the business smarts necessary to do the kind of wheeling and dealing necessary to run a large company like Def Jam.

On top of all his impressive business stats, Liles also wins the reader over because of his cool experiences and the equally cool stories associated with them.

Sure, it's rife with name-dropping, and I suppose it wasn't really

necessary for him to mention vacationing with Jay-Z and Beyoncé. But one easily accepts and forgives his cockiness. It's just one of those things that comes with being in the music business.

And then there are the recollections of what it's truly like to work with the music stars. We've all heard about how obnoxious famous people can be, and Liles does not disappoint with his stories on the matter.

But Liles provides explicit examples, complete with the stars' names and everything. Those are definitely

some entertaining reads.

For example, he talks about this one performer whom Def Jam booked to perform on Saturday Night Live. Now most performers wouldn't want to do anything to screw up an opportunity like that, but this guy wouldn't even get out of bed for the rehearsal. Apparently he fancied himself too cool to need to practice.

This rapper willingly put the

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job of a Def Jam employee on the line, all so that he could grab a few extra hours of sleep. And Liles has to deal with stuff like that every single day.

Plus you can always laugh at Liles' misconceptions about himself. He thinks he's grounded, and then admits to buying \$30,000 watches for his friends and losing \$10,000 to Jay-Z in a card game.

But it doesn't matter. Somehow he still seems to have a good head on his shoulders.

Okay, so is *Make It Happen* worth a read? It goes pretty fast, and supplies a few good laughs. Plus, for anyone at all interested in the music business, I'd say it gives a pretty good insight into how the business works. So for people with a little extra time on your hands, go for it.

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Two Bits

Two Bits Man reminisces about great film, cowers before awful might of our Okinawan soon-to-be conquerors

I don't know if you guys are fans of great cinema, but I am, and I'd like to share with you all a quick little breakdown of the greatness of one of the greatest—and by greatest I mean most totally, awesomely insane—movies of all time: John G. Avildsen's immortal classic, *The Karate Kid*.

This movie is the very essence of '80s nonsensical, underdog madness. It's *Caddyshack* meets *Sixteen Candles* meets Pat Morita; in other words, totally freaking awesome.

Now, it would take more space than I have here today to properly enumerate all the ways in which this movie blows your pitiful human socks off, but I will grace you all with a brief countdown of the top five things that make this movie so great.

Stereotypes-a-plenty

I'm thinking of creating a *Karate Kid* drinking game. So far, the only rule I've got is this: whenever anybody lives into a stereotype, you have to drink.

I would try to think of more, but let's face it, about 15 minutes after the introduction of Mr. Miyagi everybody's going to be too drunk to stand anyway. I guess we can have something in there about "wax on, wax off" too. That is, if anyone is actually watching the movie by that point and not being ferried to the hospital for alcohol poisoning.

The Villains

It's like somebody's at

down with a pen and paper and tried to envision the most transparently evil people imaginable. What do they do when they're not obsessively hating Daniel-san and Mr. Miyagi?

Do they have hobbies? Friends? Families that have perhaps noticed their unhealthy fixation with this random kid from Jersey and stepped in?

I guess they just go home at night and hate a photocopied picture of him that one of them took. Somebody get these guys a puppy.

Slave Labor

I know it's all supposed to be some super secret exercise in developing strength and muscle memory, but at the end of the day, Mr. Miyagi got a painted fence, a sanded deck, and an entire fleet of cars waxed (What's up with that, by the way? Is Mr. Miyagi secretly filthy rich? And if so, what the hell is he doing working as a fix-it man at a crapped out apartment complex in The Valley?) out of the deal and Daniel-san just gets a sore arm and doesn't even become enough of a killing machine at the end of it all to so much as rip one person's arm off and beat him to death with it.

That, dear friends, is what we in the business call "total crap." Daniel-san should sue Mr. Miyagi for unfair labor practices and lost wages.

Daniel-san's need to unionize aside, Mr. Miyagi's slave driving also gave birth to one of the most overused catch phrases in the history of popular culture, "Wax on, wax off," even more painfully overdone than the perennial classic, "Where's the beef?"

The Crane Kick

The totally insane, wouldn't work in a real fight in a million years, doesn't even try to make sense crane kick.

Here's a breakdown of the basic logic behind the crane kick as told through first person narrative.

Woah, look at that. See that leg, how it's up like that? Yeah, I bet you think I'm gonna try to kick you with that one, don't you? But I'm not.

Too bad you don't know th—Ho! Snap! You totally fell for it! I kicked you right in the face, dude. Pwned.

The best part about the crane kick is the fact that you know somebody has tried it in real life. It just had to have happened.

We live in a world where people actually have to be told not to imitate it when MTV's goons du jour go out and hurt themselves for vast sums of money—this given the fact that the imitators will not, in fact, be paid vast sums of money, so you know it's got to have happened at least once.

And the only thing more tragic than the beatdown that almost certainly followed for the would-be martial arts master, is the fact that nobody was there to get it on video and post it on the Internet.

Mr. Miyagi's Magic Powers

Okay, let's review. The man can totally destroy upwards of five well-trained opponents at one time, he lays hands on Daniel-san's bum leg after a real live doctor said he wasn't going to be able to fight, and all of a sudden, the kid's up and ready to kick some ass, and did you see that swank-tastic leisure suit he's wearing at the end of the movie? Obviously, Mr. Miyagi and, by extension, all people from Okinawa have uncanny powers over life and death and should not be trifled with under any circumstances.

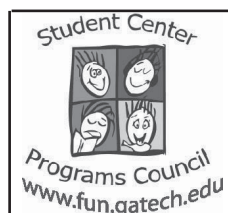
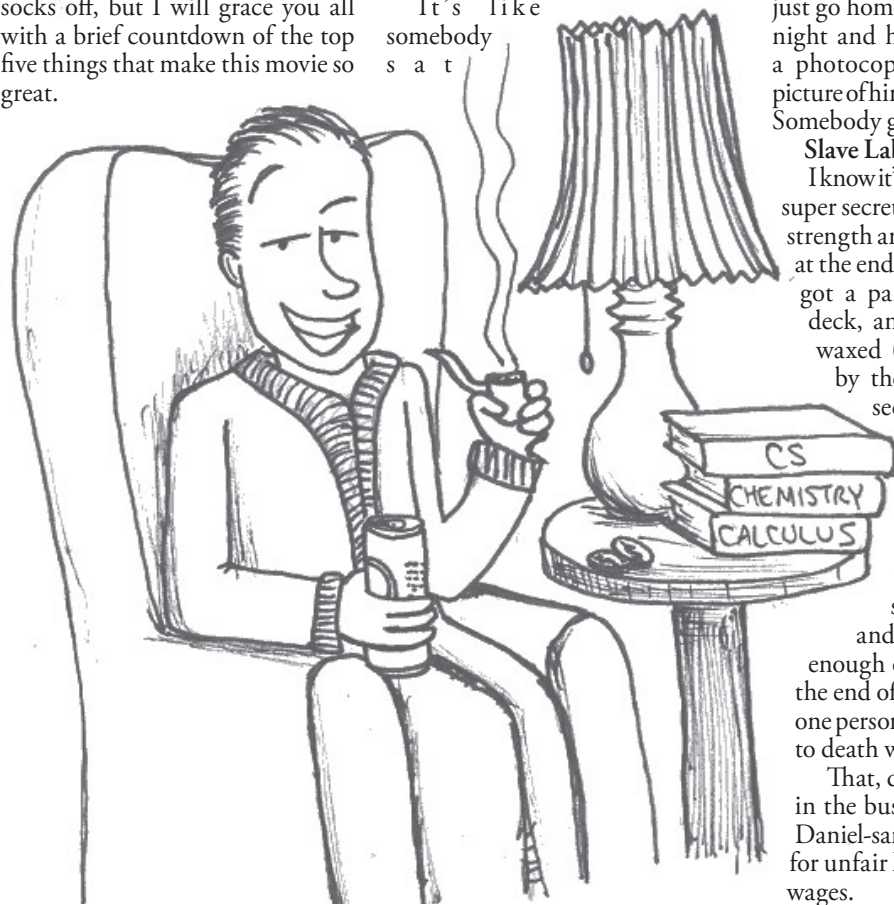
It seems to me that the only reason the Okinawans are not now god-emperors of this pathetic rock is that they find our pathetic attempts at self-rule amusing. Really, it's only a matter of time before they come for us, and I, for one, welcome our new not-quite-Japanese masters.

Our eventual subjugation by Asian super men notwithstanding, it really is a fun movie to watch, especially if you, like me, have a deep and abiding love for appreciating things ironically.

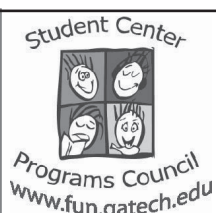
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cally.

Actually, *only* if you have a deep and abiding love for appreciating things ironically. 'Cause if you actually tried to watch this movie with a straight face, your head would probably explode, and that, too, would be really, really cool.



Weekly Activities



TAKE A PROF TO LUNCH

Tuesday, October 11, 11 am - 1 pm
Student Center Ballroom

Invite your favorite professor, advisor, staff person, mentor, department secretary, etc, to lunch to show them just how special they are to you! We'll provide an excellent lunch for only \$6 per pair, so invite your prof and reserve your spot today by calling 404-894-2805 by October 7.

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But I my friend, I bleed gold and white.
Epsy, here is an idea....convince the Athletic Association to tear out those chairbacks in the East Section and stop selling out!
Empty Chairbacks make Bobby Dodd look empty and dead on TV

Hey Will! How about that moneyball?
I am the very model of a modern major general.
I've information vegetable animal and mineral.
I know the kings of england, and I'll state the facts historical
from marathon to waterloo in order categorical.
I got drunk on Friday night and puked on the floor.
Tech lacks true football coach.
I have trouble admitting I was at the Virginia Tech game...
Who likes tofu cubes marinated in pickle juice?
Talk to Riley everybody, he's a wierd kid!
I have spirit for the Falcons, but they know how to win.
i'm deciding whether or not to have sex with you
The new crime report sucks, the older one was much more fun to read.
davidcrowderband rocks. experience the collision.
I love nick the editor!
I never walk to Skiles even if I'm 20 minutes late to class(heard in Stinger)
my junior missed his statics test because he slept off at the MLR
So I have a friend, ME :D, that is celebrating her birthday this week, but what do you give to the girl that seems to have it all including beauty and perfection?
Live, Love, Laugh!
I like morning classes.
I can't wait to go home in December. Even though i have to fly 16 hours.
Kage no Bushin! I am the man will become Pirate King! Gomu Gomu no Pistol!

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THEME CROSSWORD: CAPITAL GAINS

By Robert Zimmerman
United Features Syndicate

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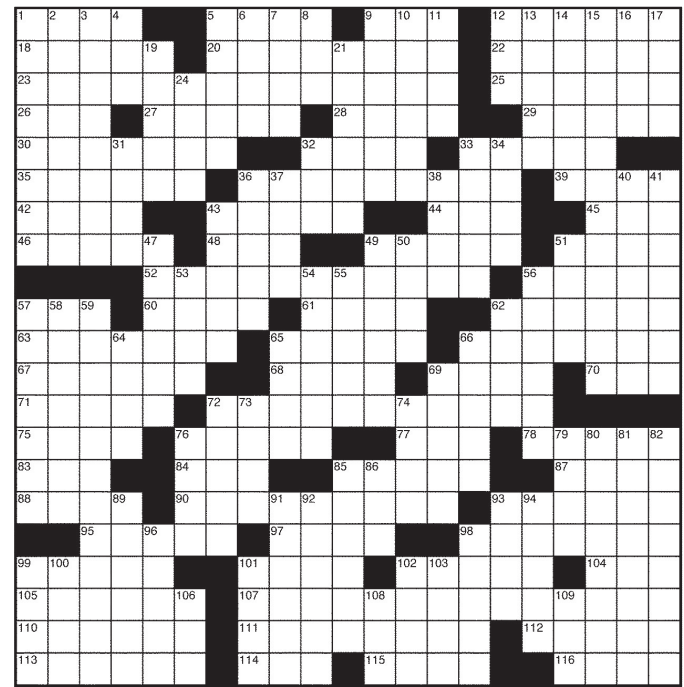
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5. Paper or film follower
9. In the dumps
12. Pesters, in a way
18. Early Peruvians
20. "I'm not kidding"
22. Mysterious
23. Mid-South courage?
25. Bun insertion
26. Stone-age Alley
27. Disney heroine
28. Imitated
29. Confused
30. Disorder
32. Prince of opera
33. Spokes
35. Teamed up
36. Middle Atlantic translation?
39. Business channel
42. Sprat's diet
43. Studied: with "over"
44. In the past
45. Gas pump abbr.
46. Look after
48. Former nuclear agency

49. Salvias
51. Tropical crop
52. West Coast teacher?
56. Tree trunks
57. Shopping mall sign
60. Carrier's partner
61. School desig.
62. "In Cold Blood" author
63. Cookie flavoring
65. Kathy — of "About Schmidt"
66. Abilities
67. Roundup critters
68. The gamut
69. Father
70. Rod or heater
71. Waves, of a sort
72. Hudson location?
75. Crucifix inscription
76. For two in Tours
77. Lender's receipt
78. More pleasant
83. Victoria-to-Vancouver dir.
84. Miss Ullman
85. Daybreak
87. Rx instructions
88. Open wide
90. Northwest concealment?
93. Sleeping sickness carrier
95. Jars

97. So be it
98. Dampen
99. With guts
101. Winged singer
102. Fabric finish
104. Windsor's prov.
105. Get-up
107. New England law?
110. Sound effect
111. New Testament's
21. Arranged for effect
24. Mr. Flintstone
31. Salon request
32. "— Got Sixpence"
33. "Message received"
34. Long time in Tijuana
36. Active ones
37. Shamu, for one
38. Shakespeare villain
40. Blake TV role
41. Nearest
43. Measured a distance: with "off"
47. Plants for wickerwork
49. Friend of Snow White
50. Source of PIN money?
51. Buddhist monument
53. Map abbrs.
54. Crude instrument
55. John of song
56. Whalebone
57. Struggling for breath
58. Feeler
59. Great Plains scribe?
62. Songstress Vikki —
64. Not fully
65. Hindu title
66. Jam, of sorts
69. "Twist and —"
72. Farewell to Felipe
73. Son of Jacob
74. Chalice contents
76. Italian commune

DOWN

1. Two-in-one glasses
2. One on the list
3. Shoulder blades
4. Yellowish brown
5. Sunday singers
6. Myths, perhaps
7. Between nations: abbr.
8. JFK terminal architect
9. Grogginess
10. Useful trees
11. Used henna
12. Old saying
13. Threesome
14. Like vinegar
15. Midwest chorus?
16. Joint
17. Body fluids
19. In-line, perhaps



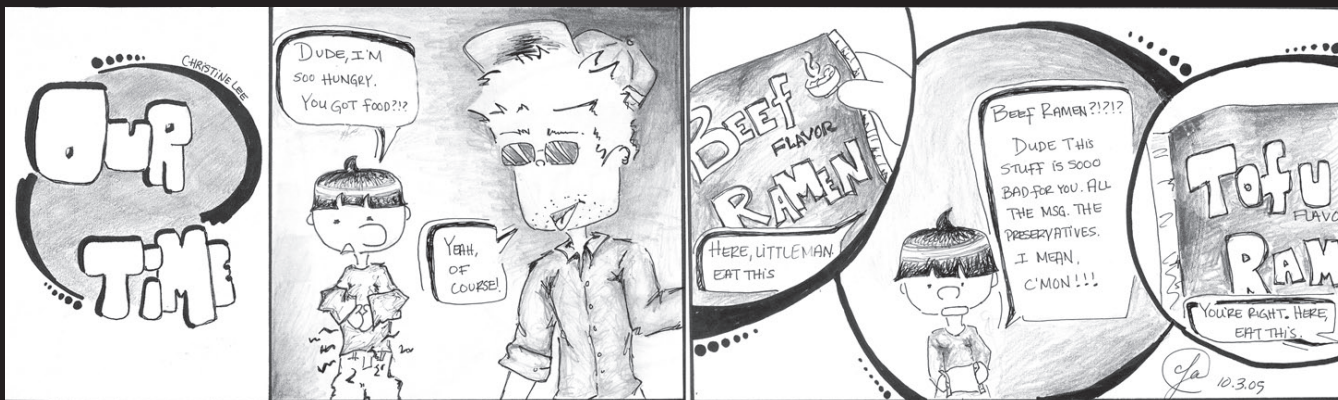
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79. Fateful dates
80. Take a liking
81. Cosmetic fragrances
82. Comes back from orbit
85. Same as 81 Down
86. Mausoleum item
89. "— Madigan"
91. Cover in Coahuila
92. He kicks it up a notch
93. Singer - Amos
94. St. Catherine's town

96. Ancient harps
98. Among
99. 2001 Crowe role
100. James of the blues
101. Roller-coaster cry
102. Underworld sweetie
103. Lunchbox treat
106. Goddess of dawn
108. Business watchdog: abbr.
109. Toward the stern

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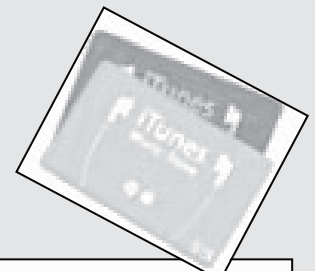
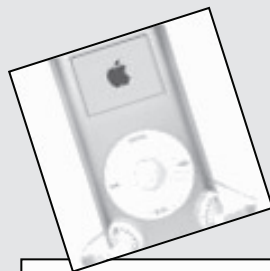


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	6:00	Somethin' Fresh
	6:50	GT Sweat
	7:00	Miss Congeniality 2
	9:00	GTCN Post Game Report
	9:10	The Chan Gailey Show
	9:30	Classic GT Football: 2004 Humanitarian Bowl

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	9:30	Zilo Network
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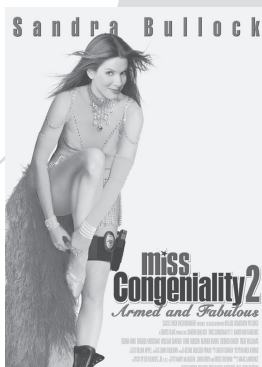
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Miss Congeniality 2 plays every night at 7PM (Friday 10/7-Thursday 10/13). Watch other GTCN movies this month: Coach Carter, Alexander, and The Longest Yard.

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By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tough Tournament Competition: In a tournament in Virginia, the women's lacrosse team competed against seven NCAA division II and III varsity teams. Although no official score was taken, the team beat Elon, Averett and CNU, while tying Presbyterian and UNC Wesleyan and losing to UNC Greensboro.

by the numbers

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The number of kills that sophomore volleyball player Ulrike Stegemann posted in each of last weekend's two games. It was a career-mark for her, as the Jackets beat the Florida State Seminoles and the Miami Hurricanes. Stegemann was named the ACC Volleyball Player of the Week this week.

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The number of nationally ranked schools that competed in the Notre Dame Invitational cross country meet. Nazar Trilisky led the men's team, finishing in 25:46. Nisha Kurian led the women's team with a mark of 18:24 in the 5k event.

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to the Florida club team.

"We had some pressure on us because we felt we were the best team there. Tech and Florida were the favorites to win the tournament," Daley said.

At the tournament the team started off with a 4-0 victory over Central Florida. The next two opponents were South Florida and Florida, which both used an extremely conservative offense. The two teams used the strategy of piling the majority of their players in the backfield and leaving only one or two players up front, hoping to contain Tech's aggressive offense.

The strategy worked. In addition to the loss to Florida, Tech tied with South Florida even though Tech was in control of the ball most of

the game.

"We played [South Florida] and [Florida] and both those teams played the same way, leaving two guys up front and pulling the rest back. So we had probably 95-percent possession, and they got an early goal in the game and left just one guy up. And although we ended up getting a goal back, we couldn't add in anymore and so we tied USF," Daley said.

It was the first loss for the club team. "This was another hard-fought match. They got an early goal so they packed it in our zone. We kept attacking and attacking, and it was the most disappointing thing ever," Daley said.

"[After the game] we all just sat on the bench for 20 to 25 minutes without talking, just stunned at what happened. Other teams in

the tourney were wondering what happened and asked us, and we were all just like 'We don't know.' We were just stunned at the score," Daley said.

A week later, Tech's team traveled to Athens to play Georgia. "The day didn't start out too well. One of our cars got into a wreck. Our goalie was in there and we didn't have a goalie to start out with and so we had a field player in goal," Daley said.

The replacement goaltender also suffered an ankle sprain and Daley suffered a finger injury. Tech managed a hard-fought and well deserved 1-1 tie against the Bulldogs. Luc Castera scored the goal for Tech.

After the Georgia match, Tech traveled to Knoxville a few days later to match up against the squad from the University of Tennessee, where Tech was victorious. Chris Collins

and Dominik Schmid scored goals for Tech.

The women's club team has also started play and have a record of 2-4-1. The team is doing well in the midst of what some would call a rebuilding year. The team started the season 1-1-1 before being placed in a tough division at the Florida Fall Invitational, where they lost three games.

"We want to finish in the top ten in our region. I think that's a reasonable goal. I don't know so much if we're calling this a rebuilding year, and so we're definitely looking to grow our younger players and remain competitive," said Amy Solomon, a fifth-year student on the team.

The women's team opened their season against a tough Vanderbilt team on Sept. 11 and came away with a 1-1 tie. "Typically when we play

against Vanderbilt, they usually kill us because they're a more physical team. So physically they pretty much win the ball most of the time. But we played well and were able to tie them 1-1," said Meg Gough, a third-year Mechanical Engineering student who plays sweeper for the team.

The women's team continued their solid play in the second game by shutting out Auburn 2-0.

On Sept. 18 Tech faced Middle Tennessee State and lost 3-2, despite playing very well for most of the game.

The men's club plays Vanderbilt and Auburn this Sunday in Auburn, Ala. before starting their regional tournament on Oct. 20.

The women's club has their next match against the University of Tennessee today at 7 p.m. at Tolleson Park in Smyrna, Ga.

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Damarius Bilbo

senior receiver

By Asif Heerji



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

In the 23-14 opening win at Auburn, Damarius Bilbo had two catches for 21 yards in a game that saw seven Jackets make receptions.

Senior Damarius Bilbo from Moss Point, Miss. has turned into quite a force as receiver this season. Against North Carolina, in week two, Bilbo led the receiving corps with a career high 131 receiving yards on eight catches, one of which was for a touchdown. But Bilbo hasn't always played receiver.

In high school he was one of the nation's top quarterbacks and was recruited by Tech to be a thrower. With the freshman debut of Reggie Ball, Bilbo became a backup and has since made the transition to receiver. Recently, the *'Nique* caught up with the 218-pound receiver to talk about his transition as a player.

***'Nique:* In high school, where did you want to go to college?**

Bilbo: Tech didn't really appeal to me at first. I was committed to Tennessee since my junior year in high school. I pretty much thought I was going to Tennessee, LSU, Alabama or one of the SEC schools.

***'Nique:* What made you choose Tech over those other schools?**

Bilbo: What appealed to me here was the way they ran the offense. Also, when I came on my visit to Atlanta, it was a fun city. Tennessee is in Knoxville, and Alabama in Tuscaloosa, and in cities like that there's really not too much to do. So you have to look at it from three sides. You have to look at the environment, athletics and academics. And Tech was the most complete.

***'Nique:* How did you feel when Coach Gailey moved you to be a wide receiver?**

Bilbo: I didn't like it one bit. Coming out of high school I was one of the top five quarterbacks and national player of the year. And then Tech wasn't really one of the schools I wanted to come to. Then to come here and have that happen to me, I doubted myself and doubted my decision to come here.

***'Nique:* How did you overcome that difficulty?**

Bilbo: My faith kept me in it, and my family. As far as what I wanted to do in life, football wasn't always going to be there. You just have to suck it up and be a man about it. That was one of the things I had to do—I had to just tough it up.

***'Nique:* Did you think about transferring to a new school?**

Bilbo: I talked to some people

and thought about transferring, but that didn't work out for the simple fact that the decision was made in mid to late August. It was just a tough situation, and I don't want anybody to have to go through that. It will make you prioritize things and make you become a man. At the time, I felt like I was a man, but until something like that hits you, you have to reorganize everything and see what's more important. That makes you a man.

“Coach Geis, the receiving coach, welcomed me, and he’s been there for me ever since, watching film with me, teaching me the ropes of being a receiver...”

***'Nique:* What people were instrumental in helping you through that tough time?**

Bilbo: My family and my high school coach.... I also talked to some teammates, and in the end that's what kept me here—my teammates. You establish a relationship with the guys over the years and it's just so hard to break bonds when you get so close to people.

***'Nique:* Did any coaches here at Tech give you any advice?**

Bilbo: Coach Geis, the receiving coach, welcomed me, and he's been there for me ever since, watching film with me, teaching me the ropes of being a receiver, building my

confidence slowly and just bringing me along. He is the guy to thank one hundred and ten percent. He's been there since day one. Also the golf coach, Coach Heppler. He and his staff were there encouraging me and talking to me.

***'Nique:* How was Coach Heppler able to help you?**

Bilbo: He said that he has been watching me work hard in the weight room. Sometimes we will be working while [other teams are] in there working out. So you tend to notice people when they are working hard. He said he doesn't know much about football, but he knows hard work when he sees it, and the hard work that I put in at quarterback can get me to where I want to be at wide receiver if I go out and do what I am supposed to do and do what I know I can do.

***'Nique:* Did the experience of being a quarterback help you in playing the wide receiver position?**

Bilbo: Yeah, as far as the coverages and knowing where to be. A lot of the things you learn at quarterback are the same like the thought process, but as a receiver you have to be more aware and more alert on some things. You have to make sure that you get there, and you have to focus on catching the ball. As to the quarterback you just throw it.

***'Nique:* What tattoos do you have on your body?**

I have Calvary with John 14 out of the Bible [on my right arm] “I am the way, the truth and the life.” I have my mom's name, Deborah, all the way across my back with two big wings. And I have Jesus' face on my left upper arm and “One Life to Live” on my two biceps.

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Rugby drops match to UGA as youth improves

By Neil Paine
Contributing Writer

The Tech rugby club lost 27-12 to rival Georgia last Saturday in Athens. The experienced Georgia team proved to be too much for the younger Tech squad.

"Our backfield is young and inexperienced," Head Coach Dan MacDougald said. "They're still learning, so they made a lot of rookie-type mistakes that allowed [Georgia] to take the game."

Tech's young players were outmatched against an older and more experienced Bulldog team, consisting mostly of graduate students.

"[Georgia] played a bunch of grad students, and we were playing all underclassmen," MacDougald said.

"Their key player, their fly-half, was a 27-year-old Argentinean who has been playing since he was very young, and he made a huge difference."

The young team may be experiencing some growing pains. In 2004 the rugby club was ranked among the top teams in the USA Rugby South Division.

But while this year's club team is a young squad, MacDougald sees the opportunity to play more seasoned teams in the fall as a chance to gain valuable experience.

"I'm really disappointed to

lose the game, but I'm really happy with the team's progress," he said. "We played really well, and we're making progress."

MacDougald mentioned the success of the B team, who won their match handedly in Athens.

"We put up about 40 or 50 points on them, and that was with all of our sophomores and freshmen playing against their grad students," MacDougald said.

Even in the A team's loss, MacDougald found some signs of encouragement, like in the scrum, where packs of opposing players push against each other for possession.

"We absolutely dominated them in the middle," MacDougald said.

"When your forwards dominate, that's the foundation for winning, just like winning the line of scrimmage in football."

The fall season is much like preseason competition in other sports. Teams from

colleges from across the nation meet in "friendlies," or exhibition matches, to get a feel for the skill levels of their teams and to give playing time to younger players who lack experience. The games do not count in any official standings, but rather provide a warm-up for the real season, which begins in January.

Given the B team's impressive win and the potential he sees

in the A team, MacDougald is optimistic about the upcoming regular season, particularly at the forward position.

"We've got a good platform to build on," MacDougald said. "We've got probably 12 guys at the forward position that are A-side quality, which is real nice, and something we haven't had in the past. I'm going to have some difficult decisions in selecting who plays, but that's a good problem to have."

The backfield is not as seasoned as the forwards, but MacDougald is hopeful nonetheless.

"[With] the backs, we're still experimenting to find the right combinations, but it's coming along," he said.

The team's next opponent will be Clemson at the Georgia Rugby Union Invitational, which is held in Athens. MacDougald said that he knows that Clemson will be a tough opponent.

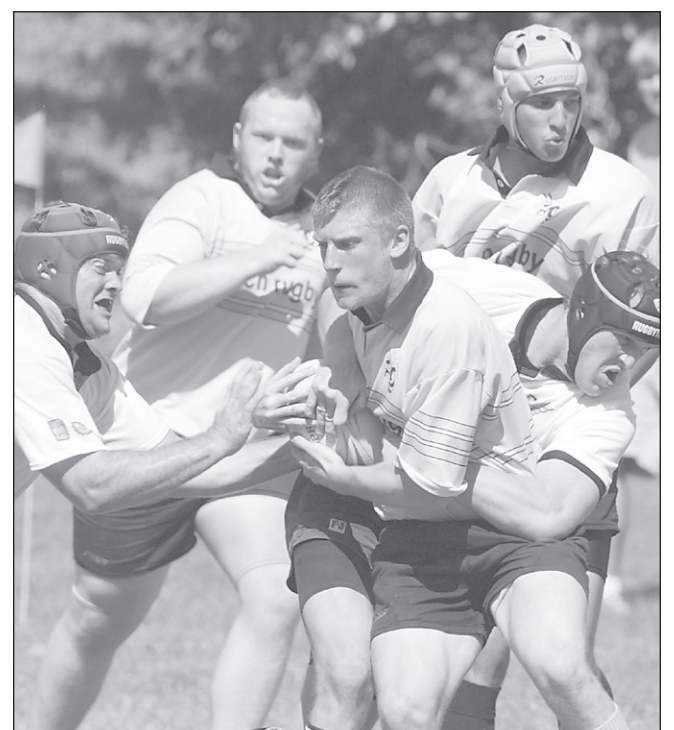
"We play a lot of games that are way over our head for the purpose of getting better. [Clemson] is very good, and they are a Division I school, while we are only a Division II team," MacDougald said. "It will be a huge challenge."

As the fall season comes to a close, the rugby club will play two more home matches. The first is against Emory on Oct. 22. The next game coincides with homecoming on Oct. 29, when the club takes on the GT Ogres in their annual homecoming event.

To end the season, the team was supposed to play in the 27th annual Battleship Tournament in Mobile, Ala. on Nov. 12, but because of limited lodging due to the recent hurricanes, the event has been cancelled.



The rugby football club traveled to Athens last weekend. Because the clubs have no age restrictions, both the A team and the B team played against older, more experienced players. The A team lost 27-12 while the B team shut out their opponent in their match.



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A wide range of honor societies offers something for everyone. Find out what is available for superior students. Page 9



Jackets win two ACC matches in Florida

By Patrick Odneal
Sports Editor

The Jacket volleyball team won two ACC matches last weekend, beating Florida State 3-2 on Friday and Miami 3-2 on Sunday. The Jackets improved to 3-1 in the ACC and 6-6 overall.

In Friday's game against Miami, sophomore Ulrike Stegemann recorded a career-high 20 kills and had a .515 hitting percentage as the Jackets won in five games, 27-30, 30-27, 19-30, 30-27, 15-12.

The Jackets split the first two games of the match before losing the third game by 11 points. The Seminoles had six service aces and a .464 hitting percentage as the Jackets had six errors in the middle game of the contest.

But the Jackets fought back in game four, a contest where both teams swapped the lead. The Jackets led 16-10 before the Seminoles rebounded to tie the game at 18-18. Three points later the Seminoles had the advantage at 21-18. The Jackets scored the next three points to tie the game 21-21. The game was again tied at 26-26 before the Jackets took the 28-26 lead that held until the end of the game.

Tech's hitting percentage was .350 while Florida State's was .180 in the fourth game.

In the fifth game the Seminoles had an 8-7 lead before Tech scored five points in a row to come within just three points of the match victory. Sophomore Nikki Kaminsky helped out with three of those five points with a stuff block with Stegemann, a stuff block with freshman Talisa Kellogg and a solo block.

The score was 14-12 in favor of the Jackets before Stegemann had the match-ending kill. Kellogg led



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Junior Abby Showers and sophomore Lindsey Gray helped lead the Jackets to two ACC victories last weekend. The Jackets beat the Florida State Seminoles and the Miami Hurricanes last weekend.

with three serving aces, and Lindsey Gray, Lindsey Laband, Stegemann and Kaminsky each had one serving ace.

In Sunday's game the Jackets beat the Hurricanes 37-35, 27-30, 11-30, 32-30, 15-9. The win gave Head Coach Bond Shymansky his 100th career coaching victory. Shymansky needed just 123 games to hit the century mark.

Just like in the previous match, the Jackets split the first two games with the Hurricanes before having a disappointing third game. But

once again the Jackets fought back to win the match.

"The phrase we used all weekend was mental fortitude," Shymansky said, as reported by ramblinwreck.com. "We showed it against Florida State and it was severely tested again today against Miami. We are still a team that plays up and down from game to game, but we have a tremendous amount of talent and applied true team togetherness today to win on the road."

Stegemann matched her career-high 20 kills while earning a .302

hitting percentage and posting three blocks.

Laura DeMichelis followed with 14 kills followed by Callie Miller who had 12 kills.

Laband had 52 assists in the match. On the defensive side, Jennifer Randall had a match-high 20 digs.

This weekend the Jackets have three home games, two of which are ACC matches. They play Maryland tonight at 7 p.m., Georgia State tomorrow at 12 p.m. and Boston College tomorrow at 12 p.m.

sports shorts

Club golf takes fourth in match

The Tech golf club team took fourth place at a tournament at Verdict Ridge Golf Club in Denver, N.C. last Saturday. The club team's top five golfers shot an overall score of 411, and two of its six participants were ranked in the top ten for the tournament. Michael Warwick tied for fourth place with a score of 77 and Andrew Bell came in seventh place with a score of 78.

The team will play in another match tomorrow at the Catechee Golf Club in Hartwell, Ga., which is located near the South Carolina border.

Baseball team starts fall practices

The defending ACC champions of the baseball diamond started their fall practices on Monday. The team returns eight regular starters in the field—three infielders, three outfielders and two catchers—and returns a group of eight pitchers that combined for 18 starts last season. These returning pitchers had a record of 38-15 with a 3.73 ERA.

Dance team to hold tryouts on Sunday

The Tech dance team will host tryouts for their national competition squad on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in O'Keefe Gymnasium. Any interested student is welcome to tryout.

football forecast

Make your picks for week six of play. The winner is the person with the most correctly projected game winners. In the event of a tie this week, the winner will be determined by the record of games with one or more ACC schools playing. To submit your picks, go to www.nique.net/footballforecast before 12 p.m. tomorrow.

This week's games are:

- Wake Forest at Florida State
- Virginia at Boston College
- Maryland at Temple
- Georgia at Tennessee
- Duke at Miami
- North Carolina at Louisville
- Marshall at Virginia Tech
- Kentucky at South Carolina
- Iowa at Purdue
- Mississippi State at Florida
- Air Force at Navy
- Louisiana State at Vanderbilt

Last week's winner:
Kristin Stearns

Soccer clubs start second half of season

By Vishal Patel
Staff Writer

Six games into the season, the men's and women's club soccer teams start to prepare for post-season play.

Because Tech does not have an NCAA soccer team, the men's and women's club teams represent the most talented pool of soccer players on campus.

"Any school can have a club team. At schools like ours where we don't have a varsity team, we take pride in being called the school team. We are considered the best players in the school," said Jason Daley, club president and forward on the team.

The men's squad starts this season after a very successful campaign last year where they won the regular season title as a member of the Southeastern Collegiate Soccer League (SCSL). Tech competes in the league with such teams as Georgia, Auburn and Vanderbilt, to name a few.

The SCSL includes teams from Mississippi and Florida to Tennessee and Virginia, and just about every state in between.

In addition to winning the regular

season SCSL title last year, the men's club also won the post-season conference tournament before getting beat in the Sweet 16 of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) tournament by the eventual winner, Texas A&M.

"We were cheering for [Texas A&M] to win the whole way [after our loss]," Daley said.

The men's A team looks to continue last year's success and make it even further in the national tournament.

The team has played six games so far this season and has lost just once to the University of Florida B team, although the B squad is competitive with Florida's A team. The team's record is now 3-1-2.

The season started three weeks ago against Mercer, an opponent Tech shutout 7-0.

"We handled them pretty well. The game was sloppy, though, and we weren't very pleased with our effort," Daley said.

The next week, the A team traveled to Florida for the University of Florida Tournament, where Tech picked up its only loss of the season



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The men's soccer club looks to repeat as conference champs and return to the national tournament this year. Their record is 3-1-2.

See Soccer, page 21